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Lazette Elected CIO Council President

Kenneth Cole Re-elected Executive Secretary

Richard Lazette, of Local 12, UAW.-CIO. welfare director and head of the CIO War Chest was elected president of the Toledo Industrial Union Council at its annual election of officers held at the CIO headquarters, 611 Huron St., December 9. Mr. Lazette received 134 of the 156 ballots cast.

Re-elected to succeed himself was Kennth Cole, who has been on leave of absence serving in the UAW-CIO Washington office as a liason man. Mr. Cole is recovering in Detroit from an operation, but will be able to resume his duties next month.

Ordway Wins Place

Earl Ordway, Local 12, UAW, won the election as vice-president defeating Edward T. Cheyfitz, International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. Ordway received 105 votes, Cheyfitz 49.

Other officers elected were Dan Sahadi, TWUA, recording secretary; Ivo Erwin, URWDSE, re-elected treasurer; William Klockowski, URWDSEA, sergeant-at-arms; Stanley Kaiser, URWSDEA, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Clarence Foreman, Local 14, UAW, trustee. Don Blair, Local 12, UAW; attendance secretary; Thelma Bennett, Local 12, UAW, librarian.

Chosen for the executive board were the following: Michael Burke, Anthony Eckhart, Melvin Lazette, Louis Mattox, Bessie Murava, Charles Rogers and Joseph Shea from local 12, UAW. The other board member named was Jack Lane, ACWA.

CIO News Board

Chosen to the board of control of the Metropolitan Toledo edition of the CIO News were Norton Ackerman, UCAPAWA; Elzie Bush, TWUA; Anthony Pacholski, Local 12, UAW; Irving Wodtke, URWDSEA; and Jack Lane, ACWA.

Newly elected officers of the Council will be inducted into office in January.

Heads Council

Richard Lazette

Woodtke Heads Construction Workers

Irving Woodtke was chosen for the sixth time as President of the Construction Workers, CIO at the annual election of officers held Dec. at the Toledo Industrial Union Council headquarters, 611 Huron Street.

Other officers elected were Wm. Klockowski, vice president; Jack Carter, treasurer; William Davis, recording secretary; William Pickens, sergeant-at-arms; Jess Dear, assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Members of the organization, their wives and families will be entertained at a Christmas party to be held at the union headquarters, 611 Huron St., Dec. 15 at 8:00 p. m.

Cornell Accused As Propaganda Mill By Magazine

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (FP)—Cornell University, formerly one of the country's foremost schools, is being turned into a "propaganda mill" for the Hoover-Dewey-Gannett wing of the Republican party, Facts For Farmers, monthly publication of Farm Research, charged Dec. 14.

Instead of encouraging food production, publications of the State Agricultural College at Cornell, a state-supported school, are being used to discourage it, Facts For Farmers declares. "Its supposedly scientific publications are filled with amazing arguments for holding down production," Farm Research discloses.

In a recent article, it continues, Dean William I. Myers of the agricultural school "urged farmers not to expand production, not to cooperate with the government's war food plans, and not to believe in the principle of permanent abundance, agreed upon by the United Nations conference in Moscow."

It was Farm Research which recently exposed the feed shortage scare of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York as a fake, intended to discredit the federal food program and encourage congress to can subsidies.

Gosser Sets Dates For Conference

The next regular quarterly meeting of Region 2-B, UAW-CIO will take place in Port Clinton, Saturday, Jan. 8 according to an announcement made early this week by Regional Director Richard Gosser.

Introduced into Regional 2-B by Director Gosser during his first term in office, the quarterly conferences which are attended by officers of Locals throughout the region as well as International Representatives, have been productive of benefits to the Locals as well as the International office.

Problems bearing upon contracts, War Labor Board cases, National Labor Relations Board hearings and similar subjects of interest to Local officers are discussed. Reports of International Representatives activities for the quarter are also made to acquaint all regional Locals with the conduct of the International office.

Discussing the forthcoming meeting, Director Gosser said, "we are holding the meeting in Port Clinton this time to honor the workers at the Standard Products Co. one of the more recent Locals to become part of the UAW-CIO. We make it a point to hold these meetings in a different place in the region each time, and will continue this practice."

The Port Clinton meeting will be held in the Guild Hall, East 2nd St. and Jefferson, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

Fight To Save FSA Begins In Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (FP)—The fight to save FSA is on again. With expected strong backing of organized labor, it probably will be won in the senate, after which the house will get its first chance to vote on the measure killed in a house committee.

This is a deficiency for appropriation of $44,000,000 which was restored by the senate appropriations committee and was scheduled to be recommended to the senate probably Dec. 7. The committee also restored an appropriation for $2,428,656 for crop insurance, knocked out in the house version of the deficiency bill.

The senate committee's action followed protests against the effort to kill FSA, and a reaction that the house "went too far." Confronted by a demand that they say whether they intended to kill FSA, leading farm block congressmen had denied it when they met with agriculture officials in an off-the-record meeting. Malcolm C. Tarve (D. Ga.) contented himself with complaining that FSA has not liquidated "communistic" projects as congress expected it to do.

A threat still looms in the slick move to merge FSA with Farm Credit Administration, revealed at hearings of the Cooley agriculture subcommittee. Gov. A. G. Black of FCA didn't request it flatly, but told how easily FSA could be joined with FSA This long has been a pet proect with those who want ed with FCA. This long has been a pet project with those who want Wickard.

Labor School Off to Good Start

LOS ANGELES (FP)—Practical Journalism, first course offered by the new AFL-CIO sponsored People's Education Center, already has an enrollment of more than 100, Instructor Charles Ellis reports. Ellis is head of the Los Angeles bureau of The Labor Herald, California CIO paper.

Roster of guest lecturers includes: Don Kirby, James Felton and Kay Williams, Daily News; Bert Willard, Examiner; David Kaufman and Pete Jenkins, Herald-Express; and Leon Clifton, trade paper editor.

Paper Use Cut to 75%

WASHINGTON (FP)—The commercial printing industry will operate in 1944 on 75% of the print paper used in 1941, if recommendations of the War Production Board's commercial printing and lithographing industry advisory committee are accepted.

Million Women Needed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP) — More than 1,000,000 women will be needed in industry during 1944 to replace men take into the armed services, Sec. of Labor Frances Perkins said here.

SPACE

Due to lack of space, the editors request that shop reporters keep their columns within reasonable limits. Please do not write poetry in your shop columns, or waste space. Your people want to read full names, hence when writing of someone in your shop please mention them by their names, such as John Doe, Helen Roe.

Thomas Urges Retaining Post-War Plant Titles

Asks Commission To Represent Labor, Industry And Government

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dec. 15—R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, urged today, in a statement submitted to the House of Representatives committee on public buildings and grounds that the Federal government retain title in the post-war period to all plants and equipment now owned by the government.

Plant and equipment to which the United States government now holds title through various war agencies, including the Defense Plant Corporation, the Army and the Navy, now totals 15 billions of dollars, according to the UAW heads's statement.

"There are few workers in either the auto or aircraft industry who are not speculating these days on what is to happen to this tremendous capital investment in the days following the firing of the last shot," continued President Thomas, and he asked, "will this tremendous pool of equipment be scrapped or sold off as junk, as was so much government property at the end of the first World War?"

Inquiring "will it (plants and equipment) be taken over by private industry to become the basis of new industrial developments, dislocating the whole industrial pattern of America and creating among present day industrial centers areas of stagnation and social decay." President Thomas asserted that so far no hint has been given on the answers to these vital questions.

Makes Proposals

Backing his statements with a proposal that control of the government's property should be lodged in the hands of a joint commission representing government, labor and industry, the UAW president asked that this commission have the authority to lease the property to private manufacturers who meet with certain qualifications with regards to fees to the government, maintenance of employment, and fair labor policies.

The prices of goods produced in such properties leased by the government, Thomas urged, should be "directly related to production

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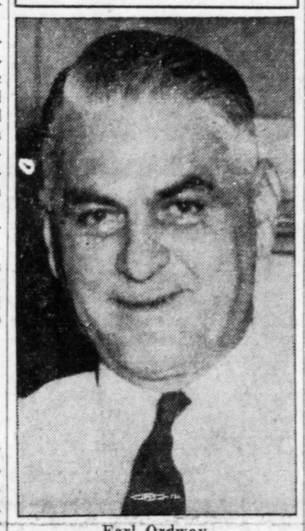
Vice-President



Earl Ordway

Hull Greets 3-Power Statement

WASHINGTON (FP)—Results of the Roosevelt-Curchill-Stalin conference announced Dec. 6 were hailed in a statement by Sec. of State Cordell Hull.

"It should be welcome news to all the United Nations that in the European theater complete agreement has been reached 'as to the scope and timing of the operations to be undertaken from the east, west and south.' These concerted plans will undobutedly result in making effective to the fullest extent the fighting strength of all the United Nations.

Post-war Retooling Begun

DETROIT (FP)—Retooling for auto production has quietly begun at the Packard Motor Car Co., employes report.

MESA Seeks To Win Packard Workers

Efforts of the MESA to break into the Packard Motor Co. election and capture a block of workers was today denounced by Melvin Schultz, President of Local 12, UAW-CIO when he revealed that the MESA had made a petition for workers in the tool room, machine repairmen, electricians, millwrights and a few other groups in the Packard plant.

Mr. Schultz pointed out that the MESA did not include set up men and other groups in the plant which are skilled and require even more training than many of those claimed by the MESA. "The MESA is trying to carve out a block of people and use them to win an election. Such tactics on the part of this organization is typical of what they have been doing in other places," said Mr. Schultz.

Elaborating on his statement, the Local 12 President said, "The MESA has had the bargaining rights at the Toledo Stamping Co. about 90 percent of whose employes have come to Local 12 asking for representation. In order to save themselves there, the MESA has also tried to carve that plant up."

Hearings began Thursday in Courtroom 3 in the Safety Bldg. under a NLRB hearings officer to determine whether an election should be held at the Packard plant with the MESA a party to the petition. A majority of the workers at the plant have signed up with Local 12.

Date and time of the election will be announced within a short time after the representation hearing is completed, usually within 30 days after the notice is received by the Union.

Workers at the Packard plant are extremely favorable to Local 12 according to their spokesmen who state that they do not believe the MESA will be successful in its attempt to divide the workers on the basis of skill.

WMC. Rules On Postal Employes

WASHINGTON (FP)—Former employes of the Postal Telegraph Co. cannot be considered as discharged when transferred to the payrolls of Western Union, with which Postal is now merged, and therefore aren't entitled to statements of availability, ruled the War Manpower Commission.

NAM Honors War Workers

NEW YORK (FP)—One of the features at the opening session of the 48th convention of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers was a salute to 12 outstanding war workers, including a 95-year-old messenger from a St. Louis aircraft plant who once worked for Abraham Lincoln, a 13-yeor-old boy from an Indiana war plant, a blind man, and several pretty blond and red-haired women wearing light blue denim overalls. They were given a rising ovation before the convention settled down to the day's business.

A few hours later the NAM went on record with a new solution for postwar unemployment: "The old and the lame should be removed from their jobs, the young boys should go back to school, and the women should go back home to a different kind of employment."

Old Newsboys Sale Held Today

Sale of newspapers for the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Association is taking place today in all Local 12 shops in cooperation with the Association.

Initial reports indicate that the sale will be highly successful and that the sale of papers will greatly exceed that of last year. A special tabloid edition has been prepared under the direction of Kenneth Hamel, clerk of the Board of Elections, the first time such an edition has been attempted.

Willys-Overland, largest shop in Local 12, is expected to lead the paper sale with approximately 6,000 copies to be disposed of. Last year the total sale for the entire CIO in Toledo was 15,000, a figure which is expected to be greatly exceeded this year.

Members of the CIO who are free on Saturday morning are asked to gather at the Newsboys' Auditorium on Superior St. and aid in the sale of the papers throughout the downtown district.

Unemployment Reaches New Low

December Payments To Be Higher

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 13—With reports of scattered layoffs throughout the state indicating increased unemployment during December, it appeared likely that the November payments of unemployment compensation in Ohio would stand as the all-time low.

Administrator Hugh S. Jenkins reported today to Gov. John W. Bricker that November payments totaled only $51,920, compared with $319,917 paid during the same month a year ago, and $714,564 during November, 1941. The all-time record low represented a drop of 4.6 per cent from October of this year, the last previous low.

In forecasting increased unemployment in the months ahead, Administrator Jenkins said:

"It is unlikely that total payments will go any lower. In view of scattered and sporadic layoffs which now are occuring and which reasonably can be expected to continue in the state, it appears to be a sound assumption that unemployment compansation payments will reach a higher level in the months ahead."

An increase in new claims for benefits filed during November indicates, he added, that payments during December will be higher. There were 2,437 new claims filed during the month, a gain of 23.9 per over October.

Murray Asks Paper Surrender

CHICAGO (FP)—"The only thing we want from The Chicago Tribune is unconditional surrender," Sen. James E. Murray (D. Mont.) told reporters here prior to appearing as a speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School or workers.

The demand followed a series of insulting, questions put to Murray by a Tribune reporter—questions such as: "Is it true that you are the perfect Roosevelt yesman?" "Are you for a fourth and fifth term for Roosevelt?" "What is your attitude toward communism?"

"I am sorry," Murray said, referring to recent Tribune attacks on workers at the Studebaker Corp. war plant, "to come into a community and find such a serious situation as seems to exist here."

WPB Calls For Greater Steel Output

WASHINGTON (FP)—Following closely the Allied decision at Teheran to crush Germany by concerted blows from the east, west and south, the War Production Board appealed to workers and managers in steel plate and sheet plants to set new production records in the next two months.

Steel is vitally needed in production of troop carriers, landing craft of all kinds and other equipment being produced for further attacks on German and Japanese areas, the WPB said. Stepped-up attacks would require larger quantities of these products.

Police Proceed Against UAW Dues Drive

DETROIT (FP) — Pres. Emil Mazey of Briggs Local 212, United Auto Workers (CIO), and other officers were picked up by police and ordered to report to the prosecutor because of an effective dues picket line in front of the plant designed to catch delinquent union members. It was also intended to induce non-members to join.

"We persuaded the delinquents to pay up and we signed up a majority of the non-members," Mazey said. "The drive is now over."

If the prosecutor decides to hold the union leaders for trial it will be under a little-used Michigan law making it punishable to interfere with a worker going to or from his job.

NOTICE

In order to give the dues office employes an opportunity to enjoy the holidays, the dues office will be closed on December 24 at 2:00 p. m. and again on Dec. 31 at 2:00 p. m. Payments may be mailed to Local 12 but must bear a Dec. 31 postmark.

Anything Can Happen Now

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (FP) —Pres. Tom Girdler of Republic Steel Corp., instigator of the bloody Little Steel strike in 1937, came out Dec. 8 for "industrial peace and cooperation between industry and labor" in the postwar period. He spoke at the opening sesion of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers convention here.

Reuther Bares Food Conspiracy

WASHINGTON—Dec. 11—Testifying before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, Walter P. Reuther, Vice President of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, and Director of its Consumer Division, exposed in complete detail a huge conspiracy by food manufacturers and the "farm bloc" to take the ceilings off food prices, pick the pockets of workers-consumers and bring the nation to the evil of "inflation."

Reuther gave names and dates to prove his charges. Members of the Senate Committee sat up and took notice as the UAW vice-president described, the steps taken in the proposed raid on the workers' earings by food manufacturers and commercial farm interests already considerably fattened up by wartime profits.

"The big food manufacturers, headed by General Foods Corporation," said Reuther, "are owners of the best known names in packaged and processed foods.

Proposition Farm Bloc

"Through a Food Industry War Committee they seek to tie food wholesalers and retailers to their inflation program, and have propositioned the 'farm bloc' to team up in the anti-subsidy program."

The joint endeavors of the profiteering, anti-subsidy crusaders, farm bloc and food manufacturers, Reuther told the committee, were discussed at a series of secret meetings held in Washington by representatives of the processors, the Farm Bureau, the National Grange and the National Council of Farmers "Cooperatives."

The "farm bloc" decided against open affiliation with the food manufacturers and processors but agreed to work for a single objective—to kill the chances of subsidies.

"To camouflage its inflation purpose, the food manufacturers war committee attacks the increased wages of industrial workers as the chief threat of inflation. To make

Walter P. Reuther

good on that charge, it falsifies the facts about workers' incomes," Reuther said.

Labor Denounces Campaign

"Labor denounces this attempt of food-trusters to shift the blame to the workers in order to cover up on their own campaign to knock out subsidies and destroy price

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Children Await Christmas Party

Santa Claus is ready, the children of Local 12 members are waiting, gifts have been packed, entertainment and fun galore are in store and all that is needed is the coming of the big day, Sunday, Dec. 19 for the annual Local 12 children's Christmas party.

More than 8,000 children of Local 12 members accompanied by their parents will be awaiting the opening of the doors of the Civic Auditorium at 2:00 P. M., next Sunday afternoon to troop in and take their places in hopes that St. Nicholas will soon be there.

Carmen Broderick, director of the Local 12 band has dusted off his best Christmas music for the children and their folks, and his players will be in good form to again do their part in the Christmas festivities, the same as in other years.

Entertainment to be Provided

As in other years, entertainment will be provided. Singing and dancing and magic and other acts dear to the hearts of the children will hold their attention until the big moment for which they have been waiting—the coming of Santa Claus.

Coming with his gifts, Santa Claus will play host to the thousands of children who will be on hand to greet him. Candy and gifts will be distributed to every child under 14 years of age.

Members of the Willys-Overland Flying Squadron and the Women's Auxiliary will have charge of the seating arrangements and aid the children as they line up to receive their gifts from Santa Claus. Special arrangements have been made to handle the large crowd expected and the task of handing out the toys and gifts will go quickly and efficiently.

Party Grows Each Year

This year's party will be the largest ever staged by Local 12. Each year the party has increased in size until now, the Civic Auditorium is hard put to seat the thousands who attend. Melvin Schultz, President of Local 12 states that at least 8,000 children are expected this year. "We have attempted to make this party the best one ever put on by the Local," said Mr. Schultz. "This is one time of the year when we feel that we should do what we can for the children of our members. It has been difficult this year to get as many things together as in previous years, due to shortages; but the committee has done an excellent job, and the party will be up to its usual high standard" he continued.

Ed Couturier is chairman of the Christmas party and is being aided by Wm. Healey.

NLRB To Hear Spicer Office Workers

Petition has been filed with the NLRB by Spicer Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO for a hearing for the Spicer office workers who have been under process of organization for the past few months.

A bargaining Unit to include all the Spicer office workers was asked for by the Unit, which means the office workers would be in a bargaining unit of their own, with their own contract and bargaining committee which would cooperate with the shop committee with the full support of the shop. Membership however, would be maintained in Spicer Unit of Local 12.

Consent Election Asked

When the field examiner for the NLRB met with the union and company management to see if a consent election could be agreed upon, agreement could not be arrived at due to the company wishing certain workers excluded from the bargaining unit. The union agreed on certain supervisory positions being excluded, but could not agree when the management expressed its wish for two units, a general clerical unit, and one termed by the management a "professional and technical" unit.

As a result of the meeting between the management and union, the field examiner sent the case up for hearing before the NLRB. A trial examiner will be sent into Toledo to hear the evidence in the case for the decision of the Board on what shall constitute the bargaining unit and determination of when an election shall be held.

Workers Back Union

Office workers at Spicer are giving the Unit their backing and it is confidently believed that the election will be decisively won by Local 12. All those who have not yet joined the Union will be contacted. Those who wish to discuss their cases are urged to get in touch with Tom Burke at Local 12 headquarters, or Scot Rogers of the organizational committee.

Tom Burke in expressing his confidence that the office workers would secure the type of organization to which they are entitled said, "we believe the vast majority of the office workers are intelligent enough to see the importance of giving the union their backing. We know that they can do a lot for themselves by organizing and getting their own bargaining unit, and we feel that they will avail themselves of the opporunity to do so when it is presented."

Labor, Consumers Rally For Subsidies

WASHINGTON—Dec. 10—(FP)—The pro-subsidy forces on capital hill got fresh reserves Dec. 9, as delegates from 108 AFL and CIO unions, farm, consumer white collar, church, social welfare and veterans groups met here in an emergency conference called by the Congressional Committee to Protect the Consumer.

Over 500 delegates, who poured in from all parts of the country packed the caucus room of the house office building in a lively demonstration of the united support workers from farms, factories, offices and kitchens are giving to the administration's subsidy program, in danger of being scrapped by the senate.

Rep. Thomas Scanlon (D. Pa.), chairman of the "Fighting 60", keynoted the meeting when he warned that a "grave crisis of inflation threatens because of the possible defeat of the subsidy program to hold the line against soaring living costs."

Consumers In Danger

But consumers were beginning to wake up to the danger, Scanlon said, citing the "tremendous" volume of "pro-subsidy and anti-high cost of living," ..... pouring into every congressional office. This was confirmed by Rep. Will Rogers, Jr. (D. Cal.) who told the group that of the 1500 letters he had received on the issue, only two opposed subsidies.

Introduced as a "real dirt farmer," Rep. Usher Burdick (R. N. D.) assured his listeners that the small farmer would suffer just as much as the city consumer by the loss of subsidies. "If congress has its way, there'll be a 10% tax on all the poor people of this country," he warned. OPA head Chester Bowles has told the senate banking and currency committee now holding hearings on the Commodity Credit Corp. bill, which includes the subsidy rider, that if it follows the lead of the house in passing the bill, prices will rise at least 10%.

Congressmen Take Part

Rep. Mary Norton (D. N. J.), who said she represented the "housewives of America" predicted that President Roosevelt would veto the anti-subsidy bill and the house would sustain his action. "To the millions of low income Negro families," Pres. Mary McLouid Bethune of the Natl. Council of Negro Women said, "inflation means less food on the table, less milk for the children." The nation would not be content with any "cheap imitation price control," she said. "What we want is something solid enough—like subsidies—to do the job." Strongest applause greeted Rep. James A. Wright's (D. Pa.) remark, "There is no conflict in interest between the farmer and city dweller."

Delegates spent their lunch hour visiting senators who have been most intent on knifing the subsidy program. Among those collared by delegates were Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R. Mich.), Robert O. Taft (D. O.), Wayland Brooks (R. Ill.) Delegates were visibly pleased by the large turnout of Democrats and Republican congressmen at their conference. Carolyn Ware, of the American Assn. of University Women, summed up the general feeling when she said, "Always before we've heard of sugar congressmen, cotton congressmen, peanut congressmen, oil congressmen—now at last we've got some consumer congressmen."

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costs and shall be closely guarded against all forms of monopoly control."

The UAW-CIO president urged also that "under guidance of government there shall be a full pooling of technical and scientific resources for the development of new products and methods to provide at lower prices fuller supplies of essential or desirable goods or services for the people."

Concluding his statement, President Thomas said, "In a post war world where decent and open relations among nations has banished the fear of military aggression, the way is open through the elimination of want and insecurity at home for a new and stable period of peace abroad."

Officers and members of the UAW-CIO have discussed these problem according to President Thomas, but are not prepared, and cannot be prepared at the present time to outline any detailed and final form their recommendations in this matter.

"DON'T LET'S BE BEASTLY TO THE GERMANS"

A good deal of fuss about this song was made in England when it first came out. Some folks misunderstood it, and thought Mr. Coward was really asking us to be nice to the enemy. He wasn't. as you'll see.

By Noel Coward

We must be kind
And with an open mind
We must endeavour to find a way
To let the Germans know that
when the war is over
They are not the ones who'll have
to pay
We must be sweet
And tactful and discreet
And when they've suffer'd defeat
We mustn't let them feel upset,
Or even get the feeling that
we're cross with them or hate
them
Our future policy must be to
reinstate them.

W. P. Reuther Bares Food Conspiracy

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control. Wages have been more tightly controlled than prices, and workers have shared to a much smaller degree than farmers and corporations in the rise of incomes."

Treasury Department figures show the four top officers of General Food Corporation in 1942 received salaries totalling $430,000.

Others who are parading behind the "Food Industry War Committee," Ruether said, are Swift, National Biscuit, Pillsbury Flour, Borden's, Grocers Manufacturers, who are makers of Jell-O, Post Toasties, Del Monte canned foods, Maxwell House Coffee, Brookfield Dairy Products, Gold Medal Flour, Eagle Brand Milk, Nabisco, and the inevitable Heinz with its 57 varieties.

Gives Senate Telegrams

Ruether exposed as false the claims of the committee to speak for the entire food trade. He gave the Senate committee copies of telegrams from spokesmen for A & P, Kroger, National Tea, the Independent Grocers Alliance and the Safeway stores in which they said the committee did not speak for them, despite claims to the contrary.

One of the first public actions of the Food Industry War Committee, Reuther said, was taken in May of this year when it wired President Roosevelt protesting against the use of subsidies to hold down food prices. This was followed in June by the Grocery Manufacturer Association of America issuance of an "8 point program" which demanded elimination of subsidies.

Reuther hit hard at charges of the food profiteers and "farm bloc" that labor's wages has "led the parade toward inflation." He said that, "per person, employee salaries and wages have increased far less than other incomes." He pointed to the effective freezing of wages. He said the ceiling on wages has been of the character of "cement" while the ceiling on living costs has been a paper one.

Shows Income Increases

He gave the Senators the following figures on income increases from 1939 to 1943:

Corporate profits, before Federal taxes, 341 percent; net income of agricultural proprietors, 198 percent; corporate profits after taxes, 110 percent non-agricultural proprietors, (except professional), 77 percent, rents and royalties, 61 percent; average pay increase per worker 61 percent.

To illustrate what has happened to prices, Reuther showed the Senate committee a menu of a Muskegon restaurant which, he said, was "an ordinary greasy spoon." The price list in this eating place, the only one available for workers in a certain foundry had jumped over an eight month period front 70 cents to $2.50 for silrloain steak, 70 cents to $2.50 for sirloin steak, tenderloin. Cost of bacon and eggs had gone up about 100 percent, and of hamburgers well over 200 percent.

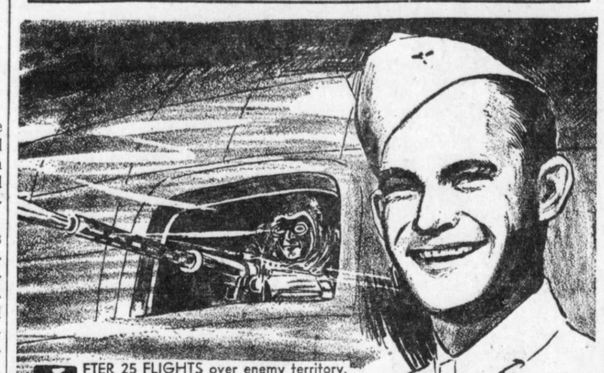
Flint GM Lays Off 3000 Workers

FLINT, Mich. (FP)—Layoffs that started Nov. 30 in the Buick aviation departments of General Motors Corp. will soon total 3,000, a 20% reduction of force. Without actually violating the contract with the United Auto Workers (CIO) the corporation is playing favorites in the layoffs, Buick Local 599 charges.

VOTE BILL KILLED

WASHINGTON (FP)—A coalition of poll tax Democrats and Republican senators killed the Lucas-Green soldiers vote bill.

VICTORY'S SONS



AFTER 25 FLIGHTS over enemy territory, the high command believes that a flyer has had enough. Enough dodging of flak, machine gun bullets, and dirty weather.

Sergt. Clarence F. Winchell from Oak Park, Ill., has made those 25 flights. He has gone over Germany from a base in England. While his mates dropped the giant bombs, he manned his gun in the waist of the Fortress, beating off the fierce German fighters. He has definitely shot down two enemy pursuit ships, and is credited with the probable destruction of five others, and with damaging 12 more. All this in 25 trips, over the most hotly defended corner of Europe.

Now Sergeant Winchell is retired from active duty. Not that he wants to quit the game, to get away from the tension, the constant danger. Did you ever see a real fighter who was ready to get out of the combat?

Sgt. Winchell wears the distinguished flying cross, and the air medal with three oak leaf clusters, as do the other members of the crew of the "Memphis Belle."

HOLLYWOOD LOT

By TED TAYLOR

HOLLYWOOD—(FP)—Explaining that the war emergency is over on the Pacific coast, the big Fox West Coast chain of theaters has withdrawn from the Theater Defense Bureau. The FWC men know the emergency is over because the lights are on again up and down the coast.

Other Los Angeles theater men do not agree with them and will carry on with the training of theater personnel in first aid, fire fighting, panic prevention, with regular safety inspections of theaters and the showing of government war films.

Decision of Charles B. Skouras, FWC bigshot, that the Theater Defense Bureau was of no further value to FWC theaters came out the day after the war activities committee of the Hays Office had called on theater men all over the country to note and pattern after the fine defense job in Los Angeles.

Civilian defense participation was a factor in winning theaters a semi-essential rating in the employment stabilization plan. Maybe semi isn't essential enough for Skouras.

Industrial Symphony

LABOR SYMPHONY. Sound track of a symphony of industrial noise recorded in Hibbing, Minn., Detroit and South Chicago is background "music" for America, the film King Vidor is making for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

ARMY NEGRO FILM. Civilian audiences may get a chance to see the Signal Corps film, The Negro Soldier in World War II.

TRIAL BY WAX. Darryl Zanuck had the script for his film about Woodrow Wilson completely recorded by a radio producer. Now Zanuck can play the disks over and listen to his script. Also he can start the editing without waiting for the film to be shot.

FREE SAMPLE. A smart agent went to the man recording the Wilson script and said: "I've got an actor who's thinking of playing Wilson on the stage. He'll read the part free for you." Now Zanuck had been thinking of Alfred Lunt to play Wilson but when he listened to his script he heard Alexander Knox. P. S.—Knox got the part.

THE FAN'S DOOLITTLE. Lt. Col. James Doolittle will be represented on the screen by Spencer Tracy in MGM's 30 Seconds Over Tokio.

No Star—Just Bogart

BOGART FOR RICK? Since the renewed protests from labor to Gary Cooper for considering the Rickenbacker part, 20th Century-Fox admits he won't play it. A few weeks back W. R. Sheehan indignantly denied that Cooper had rejected the part but said as an afterthought: "The part is so strong it really doesn't need a star." Now he's wondering if he can get Humphrey Bogart to play it.

MORE FIRE. It'll be interesting to see if 20th Century Fox is as impervious to the political and church protests at the plans to film Willkie's One World as it is to labor's protests at the Rickenbacker thing.

BANKER! BANKER! New high for film rights to a play is the $355,000 Mary Pickford planks down for Junior Miss. That's just the down payment. The play's author and producer will collect 35% of the picture's profits in addition.

DIVISIONIST. Destroyer (Columbia). Fine premise for a film—the shipbuilders did a lousy job. Everything goes wrong with the tub but the crew sticks by her and shoots down six zeros and sinks a sub.

Still Going Up

DETROIT (FP)—The United Auto Workers (CIO) had 1,222,566 paidup members for November, an increase of better than 50,000 over the highest previous month. The gain of a half a million members since a year ago is well distributed over all of the UAW's nine regions in the U. S. and Canada.

Seldes Accuses Readers Digest

NEW YORK (FP)—Publications of the "vermin press," edited by some of the 33 seditionists now awaiting trial on charges of obstructing the war, are still in business, George Seldes charged Dec. 13 in his weekly newsletter, In Fact.

"They publish two kinds of items," In Fact declared. "Fifty per cent is devoted to addresses by Senators Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.) and Gerald P. Nye (R. N. D.) and Representatives Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.), John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) and Hamilton Fish (R N. Y.) The other 50% is devoted to anti-Jewish lies, slanders and libels."

Readers Digest, Seldes pointed out, has distributed copies of an attack on In Fact, first published by Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, one of the 33 now under indictment. Rest of the vermin press then picked it up, he declared.

Radio Commentator Johannes Steel, in his regular broadcast Dec. 7, charged Readers Digest with planting anti-labor, defeatist articles in other magazines before reprinting them—often paying the cost of the original printing.

CIO Office Workers Aid Subsidy Fight

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) — To speed support for the subsidy program, the United Office & Professional Workers (CIO) has opened a booth in the main business section here, where stenographers take letters from all comers to U. S. senators urging that they support subsidies and "roll back prices before prices roll back the war effort." The booth also serves as an information center on the control of inflation.

Kroll Appointed By Hillman

CINCINNATI (FP)—Pres. Jack Kroll of the Ohio Industrial Union Council was designated by Chairman Sidney Hillman of the CIO Political Action Committee as regional political director for Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Where Is the Gas Going?

By Bruce Melvin

Due to the fact that so many workers have been wondering as to the true condition pertaining to gasoline and tire rationing, we believe that now is the time to submit a report based upon a compilation of facts and figures gathered from Petroleum Administration for War, as well as Office of Defense Transportation and Office of Price Administration.

Although it could not be revealed at the time, the sinking of 14 large tankers bound for North Africa was responsible for last winter's eastern fuel oil and gasoline crisis. The supplies lost were vital to the campaign in the Mediterranean, which had reached a critical stage. Replacements had to be found and shipped at once. The only supplies within reach were east coast stocks, built up for civilian use. The government had either to take these stocks and cause a severe shortage for civilians or to seek replacements farther afield and run grave risk of military failure in North Africa.

Military Needs First

Mechanized warfare feeds insatiably on petroleum products. Tanks of one armored division will burn some 25,000 gallons in traveling 100 miles. On a single six-hour mission, a thousand Flying Fortresses use at least 1,500,000 gallons of high octane fuel. (Incidentally, it takes nearly eight gallons of regular gasoline to make one gallon of high octane fuel.) During the North African campaign, tankers made up 60 per cent of the tonnage required for supplying the Allied forces.

Where other armies use a variety of fuels, ours has based its operations largely on one product, thus immensely simplifying problems of supply. Gasoline is used in field hospitals to heat sterilizers for surgical instruments, to burn the lamps in operating rooms, to power refrigerators in which blood plasma is kept. It furnishes the fuel for transport planes flying the wounded from field to base hospitals, and in many cases, overseas to hospitals in this country. In the Arctic, the Aleutians and Greenland, gasoline heats soldiers, quarters and cooks their meals. This all-purpose fuel is put to literally hundreds of other vital uses, and the list will grow as the war goes on.

Less Gasoline Processed

Less automobile gasoline is being processed from each barrel of crude oil as increasing amounts of oil go into high octane aviation fuel, toulene for synthetic rubber, and into scores of other petroleum products needed for war. Only about 25 per cent of each 42-gallon barrel of crude oil now goes into gasoline for civilian use. In 1940 and 1941, 37 per cent was processed into automotive gasoline. Not only will there probably be less gasoline, but its quality will be come profressively poorer as greater amounts of the limited supply of tetra-ethyl of lead are absorbed for aviation gasoline and 80 octane all purpose gasoline.

Share Rides Whenever Possible

We have been impressed by a car-sharing creed now in use at General Motors Fisher-Cleveland Aircraft Division, and we would like to pass it on to you. The following are the Ten Commandments for car-sharers:

For Riders

1. Conduct yourself in your host's car as you would expect a visitor to behave in your home. Remember, his car must last for the duration.
2. Pay for your share of the operating expenses.
3. Be prompt in reporting at the pick-up point.
4. Don't ask special favors that would inconvenience other members of the club.
5. Keep your driver's phone number. Notify him if you cannot meet him.
6. Don't expect "taxi" service. Walk or use public transportation to a convenient pick-up point.

For Drivers

7. Hold to your schedule. Don't keep your passengers waiting.
8. Be sure to notify your riders if unable to drive.
9. Keep your car in good running order. Others depend on you.
10. Drive carefully. Avoid accidents.

Hillman Demands Full Employment

WASHINGTON—Dec. 11—(FP)—A day after the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers heard Pres. Paul G. Hoffman of the Studebaker Corp., chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, come out against jobs for all, Sidney Hillman gave the apostles of scarcity something to chew on.

Chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, Hillman announced at a press conference that the committee's program was "not a narrow labor" program, but a broad national program "to give jobs to Americans." First thing to concentrate on was winning the war effectively; second, to plan a postwar economy of abundance and full employment.

This was his answer to Hoffman, spokesman of big business, who had said: "If all of us keep talking about jobs for all, two or three million people may accuse us some day of making promises we didn't keep. If full employment means a job for every man and woman who is willing and able to work, then it is not desirable or necessary in a fine functioning economy."

CIO Answer Given

Asked if there was any possibility the committee would support a fourth term for Roosevelt, Hillman said the CIO had given its answer to that at the Philadelphia convention. "Right now we are interested in registration and in mobilization of all progressives and people who are looking toward a program of full abundance," he said.

Defining, on request, what he meant by New Dealers, Hillman said: "The philosophy of the New Deal is one of an abundant economy, full employment, social security." We're not thinking in terms of candidates, he went on, but whether we shouldn't have a democracy "that will work toward full utilization of our facilities." He included manpower among facilities, too.

Asked if he'd met with Wendell Willkie, he replied, "I haven't, but that doesn't mean it's impossible. I even spoke at a meeting where I was preceded by Tom Dewey, although I took exception to many of his remarks."

LITTLE LUTHER

"At last things are beginning to move," said Mr. Dilworth smugly, looking up from The Evening Intolereant-Standard. "They will come out all right toward the end."

"Right toward whose end?" asked Luther.

"Watch your language, young man! I meant that Mr. Hoover and Mr. Landon are taking the Republican party back into their own capable hands."

"The hands that rocked the boat in 1932 and '36, eh, Pop?

"It wasn't their fault they lost those elections, Luther. It was just the people got . . . got . . ."

"Got wise for once."

"No. They got taken in by the New Deal and all this red nonsense."

"Then they made Landon and Hoover blue."

"Landon and Hoover are backing Dewey for president. They see a lot in him."

"And the voters see right through him."

"Our leaders never give up working for their country. They have to take a lot."

"Yeah! Everything that isn't nailed down."

"Luther, I don't think you're very respectful. Big businessmen built this country. You talk as if they would steal anything they could get their hands on."

"Oh, no! They wouldn't take a red hot stove."

"Don't be a smart aleck, Luther. . . . They're certainly picking a winner in Mr. Dewey. He's young. He's . . ."

"Still dewy behind the ears, eh, Pop?"

"He's very modest. He doesn't want to be president."

"That makes it unanimous."

"Young man, I don't like your attitude. You should want to see promising young men in public office."

"It's according to what they promise, Pop."

"You know what I mean. People who want to help take the country over its obstacles."

"You mean, just 'take the country over,' don't you, Pop?"

"No, I don't. These men wouldn't think of doing anything that wasn't for the country's best interest."

"Say, about 15% annually?"

"My son, I'm beginning to think you're hopeless. Anyway, Mr. Hoover is one man who can start things cooking."

"O. K. So long as it's Dewey's goose, Pop."

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DEPT. OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

WAR WORKERS HAVE BRAINS—headline in The Union, Indianapolis, Ind.

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IT IS WRITTEN: TOO MUCH FREDERICK IS A DANGEROUS THING

The recent convention of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers heard its retiring president, Frederick Coolidge Crawford, demand "freedom from freedoms."

What we really need is freedom from Frederick.

WORKERS LEAVE JOBS

RICHMOND, Calif. (FP)—All machinists and operating engineers at the four Henry J. Kaiser shipyards, largest in the nation, left their jobs Dec. 2 in what was described as a union jurisdictional dispute.

TAKE YOUR PICK

"It is nonsense to suppose that a people want to rule itself... The burgeois era of false ideals about humanity is past."

—JOSEPH GOEBBELS

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—WINSTON CHURCHILL

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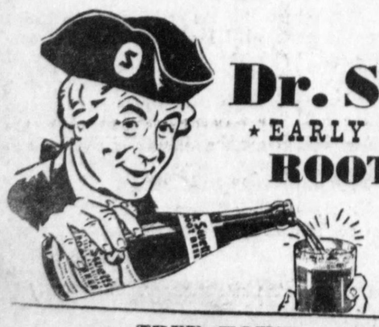

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Auto-Lite News

"Hello" to Fred Crutchfield Weddel, of Dept. 106, who is visiting his sister in Texas.

Fay Ecker returned to work this week. She has lost enough weight from her recent siege of sickness that she now looks like her twin sister, Christine.

We announce with regret the departure of Nellie Kimmell, nurse on the 2nd shift, well liked, amiable and capable. Expenses must be cut, folks, so please don't faint while waiting your turn to get in to see the one nurse we will have on days; Goodbye, Nellie, and good luck to you.

Watchman Harold Ray is strutting again. The occasion for his pride is the arrival of another boy at his home, bringing the total to three. Congrats.

The attraction the burr bench held for the drill press operators had your reporter puzzled, but snooping pays rewards. Anne Felkes insists on sitting at the table next to Iggy, and Denny, the salvage inspector, is back on his throne again.

Attention, Plant No. 15. Nine industrious members of the Servicemen's Committee of Aviation visited your plant last week, and noticed two likely candidates for our group.

1. A short girl with black curly hair hanging to her shoulders, angelic smile. Cupid's-bow mouth, with a sweet singing voice.

2. The watchman, with mustache, twinkling eyes, and a ready wit. Believe his name was George.

Had we been permitted to stray a bit farther from the committee room, we could probably have rounded up a few more candidates to help on the Servicemen's work. Anyway, we ought to requisition these two, for Plant No. 25, of course!

Have you ever seen leg-lotion applied by an artiste? Jenny Jeffries, whose legs are worthy of attention without the lotion, does the neatest, most realistic job you ever saw.

Wittiest retort of the week is credited to Leona James, as follows:

Charlie Boze: "Leona, I'm really sick!"

Leona: "Gee, Charlie, why don't you die, and prove it?"

The Sky Rockets chanted "We want a strike" so lustily in the Thursday Bowling League that they actually won a game. They ought to try this more often.

Helen Dupont was very drepressed because of her newly acquired "gutter ball," and a bit of uninvited tough luck haunted her last week. Having just recovered from the flue we wouldn't expect her to be up to par, anyway, but she'll get back up!

Helen Klockowski is a victim of the flu, herself. Take your medicine, faithfully, Helen, and we'll see you back again, and don't forget the makeup kit.

Our heartfelt sypmpathy is extended to Dale Stevens, whose daughter, age two, was severely burned Wednesday of last week.

Louise Hannaford, Mill Line team, did herself and her team proud on league nite, scoring a nice 203, for the high single game of the evening.

Valv-o-Lite

Toledo Steel Products Unit
By Dave Keisser

Our contract has been returned from the Regional War Labor Board, and both have 14 days in which to contest the case to the National War Labor Board. We have been informed by the management that they intend to appeal the Interim Directive Order of the Regional War Labor Board to the National Board. Representatives of your committee have tried for four days to negotiate a workable lay off procedure but are bucking a stone wall. We think we have a solution to a problem which is agreed to by management and then the next day some one from management throws a monkey wrench into the works.

We just ask everyone to be patient a little longer. We hope every one realizes that there must be some real progress in our contract or we would have signed the Companies counter proposal last March 5, 1943. We now would have a contract but would still have those red apply boys getting all the gravy, and we believe everyone is tired by now of the procedure.

British Labor Expresses Hopes

NE YORK (FP)—The British Labor party, through its official labor press service, has expressed the hope that all the United Nations labor movements "however much they may differ in structure or in ideology" will accept the invitation of the British Trades Union Congress to the world labor conference in London next June, Allied Labor News reported December 10th.

On The Surface

Have you noticed little Joe Marko, the lunch cart operator, is developing a streamlined figure. We wonder if those long daily walks around the shop have anything to do with it, Joe?

Good luck, Ollie and Charlie, on the time study job. It is not going to be a picnic.

We would like at this time to introduce our jovial sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Bill Schultz. We know he will fill his position as well as he fills his shoes.

Hats off to Jake Parker, who has given three sons to the armed service. Also a special cheer for his son, Ramey, who has weathered three major campaigns in the Guadalcanal area. He is now convalescing from wounds and malaria in a Tennessee hospital.

We hope that Fred Weddel will have recuperated enough to be with us again by the first of the year. Fred has been ill for several months.

Quoting Mr. Degner, we did not know that one of our committeemen was "pig headed" or "small potatoes". How about those accusations, Bob?

What has happened to the frivolity of our Milbury hillbilly, Smitty? Perhaps someone can tell us why he is so quiet lately.

The net result of the chat in which two of your committee and a non-union employee took part were nil. This man and nine of his cohorts had made an offer which you had refused, so they will bide their time. WHY?

ODD BITS: Who was the villain who defaced Jack's samples? We feel sorry for Frankie Klein—there is so-o-o- much grinding on those ship plates. Too bad, boys, there are three more N-X units coming through the shop. What seems to be the trouble? We are only doing a 40-hour stretch per week. The incentive system is bad enough without trying to die young by attempting to run two machines at one time, because it cannot be done right. Where were Jack, Jimmy, Carl, Harry and the rest who were absent at the last union meeting? Somebody is too cheap to give our bowling team shirts. No wonder they look out of place on the alleys each Wednesday.

SPORTS: Will wonders never cease? Pitching as a sub, Skippy rolls a 202, helping make a grand total of 574 in the CIO league, only to return to his regular team on Thursday with a 504. Maybe it's the company you keep Thursday that makes the difference, Skip. Let's give Jack a hand for the nice 231 on last Wednesday. We wonder if Jack Yoakum is putting that little ball on the front room carpet now that the frost is on the greens at Ottawa and Riverby. FLASH—The Surface team meets Champion Spark Plugs Wednesday. The Pluger hold third place by only one game from our boys, so keep your fingers crossed.

Gaylord Heads NAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (FP)—New president of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers is Pres. Robert M. Gaylord of the Ingersoll Milling Machine Co., Rockford, Ill. He will take office Jan. 1, 1944 when retiring president Frederick Coolidge Crawford becomes chairman of the board of directors. The board includes the following "old friends" of labor: Gen. Robert E. Wood, chairman of the board, Sears Roebuck & Co., Chairman E. T. Weir of Natl. Steel Corp., Pres. James H. Rand of Remington-Rand, Pres. J. Howard Pew of Sun Oil Co., and Pres. Harvey S. Firestone of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

POLL TAX DEMOCRATS THREATEN TO BOLT

WASHINGTON (FP)—A bolt of the poll tax southern Democrats from the Democratic party in 1944 was threatened by Sen. Josiah W. Bailey (D. N. C.)

BIG BUSINESS MAKES PLANS

NEW YORK (FP)—Big business made plans to seize the leadership of America for freedom of enterprise from government control, curbs on profits, labor legislation and the four freedoms at the 48th convention of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers here.

Champion Sparklets

Wayne Edwards "fireman second class" U. S. Navy paid Dept. B a visit recently after finishing "boot" training at the Great Lakes. Best of luck, Wayne.

Robert Isley, inspector on the planetarys in Dept. B is back to work after three months in Uncle Sam's army. Nice to have you with us again, Bob.

The Champion Unit basketball team won the first game of the year against DeVilbiss, 34-17. The Champion team will play every Thursday at the Y.M.C.A. at 7:00 P. M. Go out and give the boys a little boost and they will appreciate the support. Admission only 15 cents.

Glad to have Agnes Hisey with her sweet smile back on the job again. She's like a little ray of sunshine so we miss her when she's gone. O. K., O. K. Orlie. We mean Elliot, of course.

Carl Baker of the Engineering Repair Dept. sure had a good time at the circus. To hear him talk one would think it was the only circus of its kind in the world. Why all the enthusiasm, Carl? Never see a circus before?

With Harold "Occifer" Miller, the wizard welder of department B on the job each noon, there sure is gwine to be some fine detecting goin' on.

Well, Well! It's happened at last. Yes, sir, they finally took Old Glory, which hangs in Dept. B down to the dry cleaners. In its place is a brand new one. What a difference!

Jimmy Brighton, Dept. K wizard, prides himself on picking All American football teams. After seeing the papers Jimmy has decided to stick to cutting clippings and reminiscing.

A note to the secretary of the day shift bowling league: How about getting the prize list arranged and posted?

Paul Smith and Tom McCarthy of Dept. B and members of the drill press team are challenging any doubles team from the Champion Spark Plug league, whose combined average does not exceed 350. Melvin Kwiatkowski and Louis Pfann, who recently defeated Phil Spychala and Earl Cole will roll against Paul and Tom sometime in January.

They say that Johnny Woodward really gets around the floor when he plays baskeball. He's a big hunk of man, but boy! He's as light on his feet as a ballet dancer. I'll bet this publicity will bring the whole shop out to see him next week.

Johnny Graham the gentlemanly steward of Dept. G is a farming enthusiast. Did you put your tractor away for the winter yet, Johnny? Got your winter wheat planted? Nothing like the great open spaces is there?

Remember when Champion was organized how Eddie Duck and Howard Cutcher and later Ralph Brown from the Auto-Lite Unit aided us? Three good guys who know what a Union is all about. They donated their time and efforts without pay.

Airway Airings

John Zielinski of the machine shop, better known as John Green, has acquired the new nickname, Honest John. This name was attached to him when he refused to pay a bet he lost.

We are glad to have Marion Sheldrick back with us. She was off work for two months on sick leave. You'd better be careful, Marion, eating so many beans at the party might cause another leave of absence.

A luncheon, enjoyed by 21 girls was held at noon on Friday, Dec. 3. The occasion for the party was the birthday of three of them—Lena Smith, Ursula Lawecki and Ella Mae Johnston.

For those who are wondering who writes the news, it's Lovella. Sorry, didn't mean to keep it a secret.

Any authentic items of interest for the paper may be given to Joe Mroz, Ella Mae Johnston, or myself at any time. But, remember, keep it on the up and up.

Sorry I didn't mention you before, Marie McCreary, but you are such a quiet (?), well-behaved (?) young lady I've never noticed you.

Happy birthday to Eleanor Jagielski, who has just reached the ripe old age of 21.

Myrtle Greenwell seemed not too happy to have her sister, Pearl, return to work here. The reason? She now has to help with the housework.

It may be all right, but it did seem rather odd to see Elva Kirby and Dorothy Corum eating candied popcorn for their breakfast.

Just wondering if all the men mean the same thing when they say they run everything at their house. Ollie G. is sure that he does. He runs the sweeper, lawnmower and every other article that requires work. Are we supposed to believe that, Ollie?

Those entitled to those much-looked-for vacation checks finally received them this week. Now all we need to make us happy is our retroactive pay checks.

A belated birthday wish to Joe Mroz. Sorry, Joe, but we didn't know.

T. I. R. Stretches

By John Smallwood

This is my first column, one which I hope to be able to write every week provided you folks give me news to print.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Howard RaRea and express our heartfelt sympathy to Howard.

We miss "Slim" Clark who is out with a bum hand. Hurry back "Slim."

Information on the bulletin board tells me that all nominees for the new negotiations committee have declined; but I think everyone will agree with me when I say that all the people in our shop think that the committee in the past and present have done a wonderful job.

Letters are beginning to come in from the servicemen thanking us for the cigarettes which we sent them, so you can see they are really appreciated. Let's keep those quarters rolling every Friday and keep the lads in smokes.

Here's hoping Eddie Duck will be able to stick with us for a long time to come because Eddie has certainly given our committee some wonderful help in our shop. Thanks a lot Eddie, we're pulling for you.

Ragging The Scale

LAYOFF IN ORDNANCE

We are watching with interest the way the layoff in ordnance department is being conducted by the company and the company-dominated union. It seems that all the women are to be laid off, but no men, regardless of "seniority" standings. We wonder how Koontz-Hannah & Company will explain this one. Maybe it's just another "oversight."

BOX SHOP SOLD

It was with great surprise that we heard of the sudden sale of the box shop. We wonder what is to become of the employees, some of whom had years of seniority. The Scale Workers of Ohio will no doubt find them all jobs. (Joke.)

Auto Bomb

Wonder who the dirty dog was who put the bomb on Hazel Duval's car? Don't scare her that way. She has a weak heart, she says.

ZOOT SHIRT

Carl Hafner created quite a sensation with his beautiful plaid shirt. In fact he got so much comment that he hasn't worn it since. Put it back on, Red, we liked it!

POETIC GEM

Here is a little nursery rhyme we saved for last, just to let the girls know there's a wolf in our midst. We hope you like it!

The Lone Wolf

Mary had a little Wolf
His hair was light as straw
He followed her about all day
She should have called the law.

She told him time and time again
Of him she wanted nothing
He didn't seem to take the hint
He thought that she was bluffing.

That she was married cut no ice
The Wolf was bold and daring
Although his conduct was extreme
Friend Wolf was past all caring.

He followed her to town one night
When she went Christmas shopping

And over every counter-top
Old Wolfie's eyes were popping.
She fled straight home in great dismay

Her job she did surrender
But still the Wolf in accent wild
Claims he did not offend her.
The Company and its "union" too
His innocence are proclaiming
Here's what we think of you,
Friend Wolf—
You need a darn good maiming!

Willys Seeing Eye

MODERN VERSION

The old fashioned man who used to bring his teacher an apple, now has a son who brings his boss pheasants and rabbits, and right here at good old W-O. And you know who I mean, or don't you. If you don't, George Brenner will supply the information.

On recent leave from the Air Corps where he completed his training for an aerial gunner, Harry Cummins visited the plant and thrilled the gals on the Jeep line. Now the girls are all asking each other how it was that somehow, or other Jane Holman got Harry all for herself. How about writing out some instructions on the Holman technic Jane, maybe the other gals could use it.

NICE HUNTING . . . There is a certain hard-boiled steward up near the front of the joint who is receiving scented letters from up Canada way, and are they scented . . . woo, woo.

Bill Pasch from the traffic dept. is constantly calling Betty Williams of the Bullet Core and cooing sweet nothings over the automatic. You can almost see the stuff drip off the receiver.

There is a certain Mary Parmos who definitely believes the merchant marine has the situation well in hand. In fact, she is so convinced that she is teaming up with the merchant marine in the shape of one handsome Bernard Quilter. The bands will be securely tied Jan. 15. Good luck kids.

What did Clifford Ridgeway do before he was made a boss in dept 981? Its a swell spot to be in eh, Cliff, right on Wolf Lane. By the way, what did you do before?

Bill Barber, forman in the steel forge is one of the best steel men in the business. For a guy his age Bill really can get around, in fact, he puts a lot of the younger fellows to shame.

While on the subject of the forge we might mention that Howard Connally of the forge time office is confident there will be no increase in taxes on horse race bets. That isn't considered a luxury, is it? Or is it?

Girls from the Aircraft had a snazzy affair at the Hillcrest Hotel, Saturday evening, Dec. 11. The gals were dressed fit to kill, and not a man in sight. It was a Christmas gift exchange, and the gifts were really nice. Vera Winnie was in charge of the arrangements, and a swell time was had by all even without any men present unless you want to call Bill Close a male. Bill took their pictures, of course.

Willys gang will do its bit in the Old Newsboys Good Fellow paper sale which takes place in our shop this coming Friday. Give all you can folks, its for a good cause.

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Poor Walter makes a tough job look tougher when he lifts up those great big tools. Some day, those tools are gonna throw him.

Loretta, the sleepy time gal who works on our shift is fulla fun.

Did you notice the look in the eye of our red-haired siren the other evening when she was walking by the side of her soldier boy friend? They made a fine looking couple; but that gleam in Lucille's eye, well, there was a gleam, that's all.

Perhaps some vitamin tables will pep up Lucille Edwards. She seems listless lately. Then there are other means of restoring pep too. Sleep has been known to be a good builder.

Doesn't Ray look divine running all over the shop with his coat tails hanging out.

Dorothea almost, but not quite got a paddling from Maud and it wasn't her birthday either. Our five feet of sunshine had better pick on someone near her own size. Confidentially, Dorthea did have a birthday some time ago, and did get a spanking. Hope you have many more birthdays, Dorothea.

We wish to express our sentiments of luck and happiness to Jean Kirk, who is now Mrs. Tobin and to Louise Ward.

Irene Davie, head inspector on the line has walked off four pounds, or should we say, worried it off. Don't let it get you down Irene, you're doing a swell job.

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The Thomas Proposal

Workers who belong to the UAW-CIO are interested in the statement made by their International president, R. J. Thomas, to the House of Representatives committee on public buildings and grounds on December 15.

President Thomas is greatly concerned with the fate of the plants and equipment owned by the government in the post war period, and well he might be, for the property has cost the government 20 billion dollars, or more than one-fifth the nation's capital investment.

It makes a great deal of difference what disposal is made of the plants and equipment now owned by the Army, Navy and Defense Plant Corporation, for as the UAW head points out, that if it is taken over by private industry to become the basis of new industrial development, it can dislocate the whole industrial pattern of America and bring about stagnation and social decay in present-day industrial centers.

It makes a great deal of difference how the plants and equipment are disposed of or to what use they are put, for after the last war the government sold all its wartime holdings as junk, or scrapped them outright, a wasteful procedure which must not occur following the close of the present war.

As a suggestion, President Thomas proposed that control of the government's industrial property should be placed in the hands of a joint commission in which government, labor and industry would have representation, and that it would be with in the responsibility of this commission to lease the property to private manufacturers who pay proper fees to the government for the use of the property, and who meet requirements with respect to maintenance of employment and practice fair labor policies.

Certainly, labor is as interested in the government's capital investment being conserved and properly used as the industrialists, possibly more so, for labor has invested its money in this war as well as its time, energy and skill, to not only produce the materials of war; but to pay for the plant and equipment which is being used to win the war. Labor has a stake in these properties in which it very definitely should have a voice.

There will be those who will cry that the UAW-CIO is seeking to "socialize" industry in the post-war period, a charge which is always and inevitably hurled at all progressive movements and proposals; but such is not the case. The UAW president is merely seeking to conserve the government's property in which labor has a material stake, and at the same time prevent any serious dislocations which might affect the lives of American workers for years to come.

We are in full accord with the Thomas proposal and sincerely hope that it will be given the consideration which its nature warrants.

Advice to Industrialists

Charles E. Wilson who gave up a job which paid him $175,000 annually as an executive to accept the position of Vice Chairman of the War Labor Board, took it upon himself to give the members of the National Aassociation of Manufacturers some good advice last week.

Telling the industrialists to stop their efforts to gain temporarily at the expense of the war effort, Mr. Wilson condemned the interests which are seeking to jockey themselves into advantageous position for the postwar period before the country is out of the war, and before the soldiers have an opportunity to position themselves for the post war.

Mr. Wilson expressed his fears for the postwar period because of the reactionary nature of some sections of capital to be drawn so far away from our traditions as to endanger the structure of American life, and he demanded that "industrial leaders of America withold encouragement from dangerous men who preach disunity."

Certainly Mr. Wilson cannot be accused of being a crackpot or a wild eyed visionary. In his experience as a practical business man and responsible head of the War Production Board, he must have some basis for his remarks to the industrial leaders of this nation. Yet, there must be many of those who had the opportunity to hear his speech who look upon him as a traitor to the "cause."

Not all industrialists are reactionaries and labor haters. Not all industrialists are seeking to weaken and destroy labor, but for every Wilson, there are dozens of Frederick C. Crawfords, a fact which cannot be overlooked when trying to understand why it is that labor looks with a suspicious eye upon the organized efforts of the NAM to position itself for the postwar period.

What's New?

By Edward Duck,
Educational Director, Local 12

CAN THEY AFFORD IT?

Four thousand guys paid ten dollars each for a dinner last week. That's a lot of dough, but brother, they got more than just a meal!

New York's Waldorf Astoria was the scene of splendor, and the customers happened to be Freddie Crawford's pals, members of his philanthropic National Association of Manufacturers. The event was their 48th annual convention, and what a convention it was.

Edward J. Duck

They settled all our problems for us, so there's really nothing to worry about, as soon as the war's over. They decided that the peace must be won, economically, and they meant that they should be the winners. In fact they formulated what they call a "master plan" for education of the masses, and they readily admitted that guys like you and me are unconcerned about details, we think in "blurs" and are moved primarily by simple, emotional ideas. Their spokesman explained exactly how they intend to capitalize on our ignorance.

EDUCATE TOCKHOLDERS

Chairman J. Cheever (I think I know what "J" stands for, and he should have used the full name instead of "Cheever") Cowdin, Universal Pictures bigwig, urged the "education" of eleven million industry stockholders. He wants them organized and aroused, he says.

Soon a corps of trained speakers will tour our factories, and give our unwilling ears no rest with a deluge of thirty-minute blasts of propaganda, urging what they choose to call "cooperation". (Remember when we "cooperated" with Willkie with a barrage of tomatoes at the Auto-Lite? Those were the days —what a greeting!) These fireside chats will be on company time, of course, because your company's president wants you to be sure to hear them.

Newspaper publishers, editors, radio commentators, movie producers, writers and lecturers will be solicited for their aid, and will be only too glad to join in the crusade for "free enterprise".

The nation's press, radio, theaters and schools will preach the philosophy that only the NAM's brand of free enterprise can give postwar prosperity to America. Even a few of the churches will echo the sentiments of King Crawford, if the NAM has its way.

PROPAGANDA

You will read cleverly prepared newspaper advertisements, and you won't even be able to read Little Orphan Annie (as if you can now) without swallowing a good mouthful of propaganda. Probably, as is already the case, these attacks against the common man will be so worded that to voice resentment against them would brand you as a fifth columnist in the eyes of someone more gullible. However, you will not find President Roosevelt's signature attached to any of them because he, too, will be taking a walloping from them, neither openly, or by the twentieth century method—subtlety.

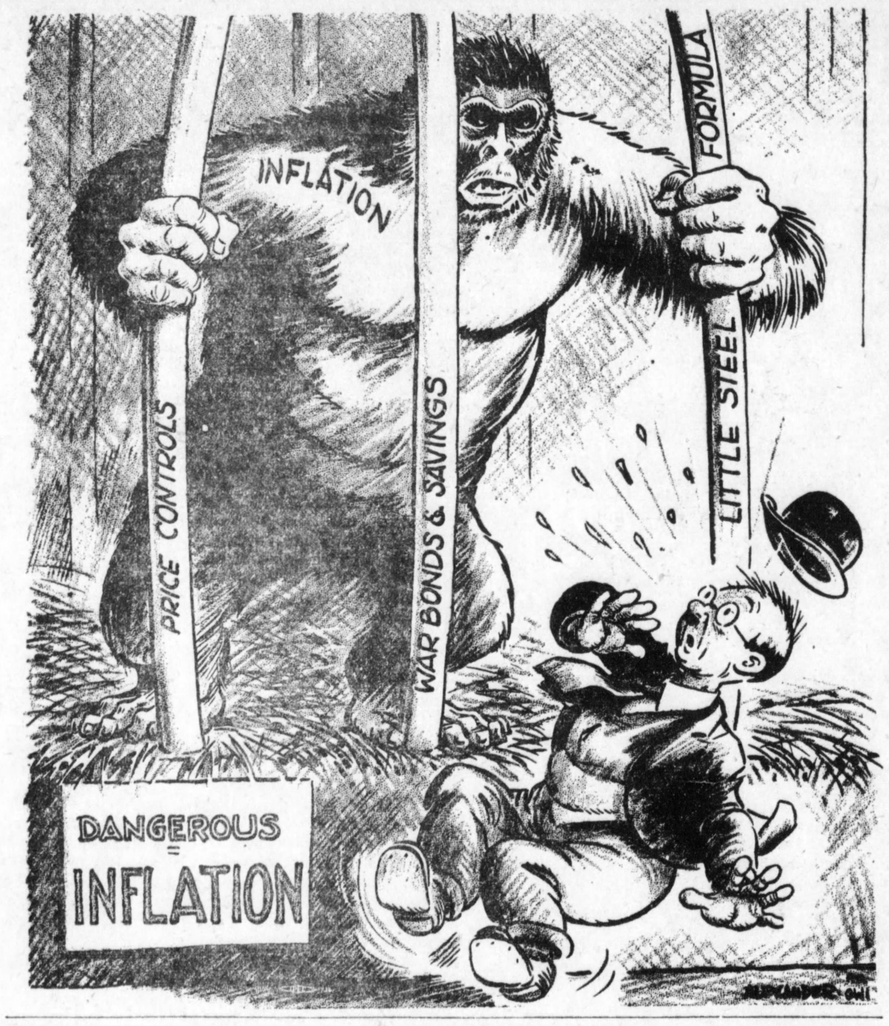
Groups will be organized to "cooperate" with education (not my type, in case Bob Guncheon is still wondering what is my type), churches (again, not my type), home (ditto), and agriculture. But there will be no committee set up to work with organized labor.

"The best friend big business has today is congress", the eager listeners were told. Now all they need is public opinion, and they are going after that, hammer and tongs.

All right, brother, here is where you come in. It will save a lot of time and space to say that anything the NAM is supporting is something you don't want any part of. That's a pretty big statement, but between now and the end of the war doesn't leave much time for education in economics or politics. It is your job to see that your union is defended, and it is your job to expose this bunk when it splatters all over the community.

Alfred P. Sloan, of General Motors, speaks of the opportunity that will develop out of the war, one which will "never repeat itself", and he tells his fellow business men that it's "now or never".

Let's make it "never"! If we lose the fight on the home front, this war might just as well have been lost, because there are as many influential "American Fasfists" as there are anywhere else. We just control ours better. Ask Henry Wallace. He knows.



It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

A LETTER FROM RAMEY

There isn't a worker who knows how much money he makes per hour who isn't interested in seeing the food subsidies bill passed by Congress.

True, there are a lot of workers who can't use two buck words when talking about subsidies, wages, ceilings and a few other current economic problems of the day, but they know when they start dipping into the old pay envelope that it takes more money to live now than it did a year ago, or for that matter, six months ago.

O. J. Pecord

And because of these things, it is my impression that my readers will be interested in a letter which was written by Congressman Homer A. Ramey, in reply to a statement from me via letter that the workers are interested in the food subsidies bill.

RAMEY EXPLAINS

Now Congressman Ramey is a very erudite gentleman who can write a long letter and say very little, and then give you that little with a great deal of variation. This was the sort of a letter which came to me, a letter in which Mr. Ramey went into four closely typed pages of explanation, and then left me with a feeling that I had read a great deal and learned precisely nothing.

Our congressman explained that the Secretary of the Treasury had asked Congress for 15 billions of dollars in taxes; in order to prevent inflation, and that the administration had sponsored the food subsidies bill to save the consumers, (mostly poor working stiffs) which canceled out the Treasury department's request.

Of course, Congressman Ramey is simply passing along the opinion of some of the leaders in the Republican party. He himself is giving the matter a lot of consideration, despite the fact that the bill was defeated in Congress and Mr. Ramey himself voted against it.

FULL OF—LOGIC

You folks must know that Mr. Ramey is an attorney and a former judge of the Municipal Court. And of course, you know that Mr. Ramey's is a judicial type of mind. Indeed, Mr. Ramey might be called a logician. (In case you don't know what a logician is, it is a person versed in correct thinking).

The fact that I label Mr. Ramey as a logician does not change my mind about him, I am merely trying to increase the vocabulary and knowledge of words which some of you people will need if you ever expect to be able to read Mr. Ramey's letters. But even if you do know words, you will still be as confused as I am after reading one of the good Congressman's letters, because he becomes entangled in verbiage of the written type a lost worse than he does when he orates.

About this point I could explain to you that a man might appear to be logical and still be a sophist, and a sophist, I hasten to add, is one who uses a false argument in order to deceive—but skip that.

WHAT RAMEY MEANS

What the Honorable Homer means and what he writes and says, are, as so many other people have discovered, but not yet in sufficient number, two different things.

If Mr. Ramey is trying to deceive me, and Heaven forbid that he is, he is simply kidding the wrong prospect. Frankly, (and Mr. Ramey reads this column each week) it is my opinion that our congressman has missed the boat so far as labor in the 9th Ohio Congressional District is concerned, and is going to find himself a dead duck, a one termer, when the ballots are counted in the May primary.

Labor in this section of the state proved in the November election that it could elect its candidates to office, and what labor did last fall, it can and will do next fall unless something terrific occurs to prevent it.

And don't think that Mr. Ramey isn't enough of a politician to be impressed with the show of strength which labor demonstrated in the municipal elections last November. Indeed, I imagine that I can hear the Honorable Homer's teeth chattering as he contemplates his possible political fate, and looks forward in his nightmares to a return to the old home town and a resumption of those characteristic Ramey speeches for which he has become justly famous.

Far be it from this amateur to predict that the Honorable Homer will fail to make his own party's primary comes next May; but I do predict that Mr. Ramey will not be nominated on labor's vote. As a matter of fact, it seems to me that unless Mr. Ramey has got himself right with the powers that be in his own political baliwick, he will have a tough time making it, and I don't know that he has got himself right with the powers, unless his vote against the subsidies bill was a Shanghai gesture.

NO MORE LETTERS

Regardless what happens to Mr. Ramey, it appears like labor is wasting its time writing letters to the congressman. He is too busy trying to get himself right with the big shots with whom he has not stood well since he voted against the Smith-Connally bill.

But regardless of one or two favorable votes for labor, Mr. Ramey has gone against its wishes not once, but at least three or more times, a fact which he will have a tough time trying to explain away even if he is a logician.

Its about time that we get someone in Washington to represent labor who will take an honest position. I think we are all sick and tired of mugwumps who sit astride the political fence with their ears to the ground. Its about time for us to call a spade a spade and let our congressman know that spades are also used to cover up dead politicians. Personally, I'm fed up with the alibis and phoney promises of Congressman Ramey and would like to see him take an honest position. Look Congressman Ramey—Just where the Hell do you stand?

Editor's Mail

A Different Opinion

Dear Sir:

Bob's Guncheon's letter last week reminds me of the boy who begged for leniency because he was an "orphan" after he had murdered his parents.

Guncheon speaks of smears, character assinations and half truths. Who should be better qualified to speak of such things than some of the members of the Auto-Lite committee,

I have talked things over with Bob, but he ducked the issues because he isn't big enough to control his committee.

Unity is something Auto-Lite people have not seen in years. Guncheon knows our committee has been split right down the middle from way-back-when. This, I hope, will be taken care of in February.

As for Guncheon's accusation about the letter, I have never received the communication to which he referred in his letter of last week. Moreover, on December 11 he refused to give me a written statement confirming what he wrote in his letter. Who does Guncheon think he's kidding? Certainly not the Auto-Lite workers, because they have proven otherwise, as Guncheon very well knows!

As of this date, no committeeman I have contacted claims to know anything about the communication which Bob says was referred to me or Ralph Brown.

When I informed Guncheon that the committeemen were not taking care of their departments, he told me that I should know this was "hunting" season, and that I should not expect them to be in the plant. One of the committeemen gave me a much better explanation when he said the committeemen were "on salary," so "it din't make much difference." Incidentally, I understand that Bob was off too, presumably to go hunting. Did he get paid, or am I indulging in personalities.

Howard Cutcher,
Executive Shop Committee,
Auto-Lite Unit, Local 12.

Soldiers' Letters

A STEEL PRODUCTS SOLDIER WRITES

Well pal how is everything going out at the shop, is it still all screwed up like it was? How is the contract coming along, and when do we get our vacation money, in a couple more months I suppose.

I hear Leo Bourdo is going in the army the poor fellow. Stay out of it as long as you can because it isn't what it is cracked up to be, don't let anybody kid you. At least the Infantry isn't, and that is what I am in, but right now I am in the hospital. I came here the day before Thanksgiving. I have pnuemonia and was I sick, I don't know how long I will be here maybe only two or three weeks, I hope. I wrote Burtis the inspector in the back end a letter and he told me a few things that was going on. Tell old bald headed henpecked Brown I said hello and tell him to take a couple of snorts for me. Tell Harry Freehart that the Infantry is a tough outfit but it won't get me, I hope.

Well Dave I can't think of anymore to say so I will say goodbye for a while.

Your Pal,
Skeeter

Pvt. John Burkhardt,
A. S. N. 35229723
Station Hospital Ward C-2
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On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

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THE BIG NEWS

The world walked nervously to and fro for days, waiting outside the door at Teheran. Something was being born there, behind the walls that hid the "big three" from public view.

Clayton W. Fountain

What would issue from the parley?

The world gnawed at its fingernails and waited.

Finally, the news is released. A breathless world rushes to buy newspapers, or sits with ears glued to the radio. The proclamations are duly digested with satisfaction by most of humanity.

But there are some stomachs on which the Teheran decisions will not set well. McCormick of Chicago and others like him will fume with indignity at the thought of American-Soviet-British unity against Fascism.

A poll tax congressman or two will arise in the House or Senate to duly denounce FDR for hob-nobbing with that nasty man Stalin.

UPSET FOR NAZI-LOVERS

The American Nazi-lovers will be terribly upset by the developments at Teheran. They have been running off at the mouth against Stalin for years, denouncing him as a menace and a monstrosity, accusing him of evil designs on church, womanhood and chastity.

But now, to the terror or our native Nazis, FDR and Churchill have taken to sleeping with the devil.

Thus the bogey of unwashed communism has turned into a smart old gent with a thick moustache, whose eyes twinkle merrily while he works out the role of the Soviet Union in the defeat of Fascism.

The major pronouncement of the big three" emphasizes the triple assault on Nazi Germany; but the most interesting statement, in a political sense, is that one which pledges the three great powers to the development of a "family of democratic nations."

Let's study this a moment.

HARD TO BELIEVE

A lot of folks are going to find it hard to believe that Stalin and his government can join in the building of a "family of democratic nations."

The papers, the radio, the books and magazines have been filled these many years with tall tales of the dictatorial terror in Russia. People got so they shivered whenever they turned to the editorial page of a Hearst paper.

And Hearst, Dies and company were not the only ones who discredited Russia in the eyes of America.

The American Communists are as much to blame as anybody else for the hate which many of our folks have for Russia. Unable to ever get very far in America, because their pet revolutionary schemes were imported from Europe and unsuited to America, the comrades leaped widly from one policy to another.

They switched lines overnight. One day they would denounce democracy as a corrupt device dominated by devilish capitalists. The next day they would announce a program of saving democracy from Fascism. Then, when Fascism snapped its teeth on the rear end of humanity, the comrades calmly urged the workers and other common people to have nothing to do with with the imperialistic war.

THE WAR CHANGES

But when Hitler ordered his boys to blitz the Soviet Union in 1941 the war changed again. It became, overnight, a people's war of liberation, according to the comrades.

So they called off the strikes they had fomented against the the war effort. Since then they have worked their fannies off to increase production, even to the point of promoting piece-work.

But, in spite of the dizzy record of the Commies in this country, there is a need for friendship between the American people and the Soviet people.

The accomplishments of the gallant Russians in this war against Fascism proves that they have something on the ball. They have earned our cooperation.

If we can keep the screwballs and Nazis down at home, we can get along with Russia.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

OUR BOYS

As the Christmas season approaches, our thoughs turn to our fellow members serving in the armed forces.

Letters which reach me from all sections of the country, from the training camps, from various parts of the world where our members are stationed all convince me that our members' minds turn to us.

Richard Gosser

When I see what so many of the shops are doing for their members in the service, I feel grateful, for I know that our people are showing their interest in our boys and know that they appreciate what they are doing.

If each true union-minded member of our organization does his or her part in bringing our boys a little cheer, a gift or a letter from home, we may be certain that the efforts of a minority to drive a wedge between the soldiers at the front and the workers back home will fail.

PROPAGANDA

We know that our boys have been subjected to propaganda from the enemies of labor which was supposed to turn them against us; but from what we are able to gather from the many letters which are sent in, these efforts have proved of little value in doing the job they were supposed to do.

The successful conduct of the war, the victories in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, the progress of the air war over Europe and the gains made in the production of the materiels of war prove the effectiveness and devotion of the American workers to the winning of the war.

In the face of the proof that the goods have been produced, transported and delivered by American workers, the propaganda against the workers falls flat. It could not be that the country was full of strikes, absenteeism and work stoppages and the production achieved which has brought about the praise, not only of officials of the War Production Board, but the gratitude and thanks of both the British and Russians for aiding them in stopping the enemy.

Our fellow members serving in the armed forces realize these things. They understand that efforts have been made, are being made and will continue to discredit and dishonor the workers, that is why your letter to them should be informative and give them first hand information of what you are doing in your shops to win the war.

WRITE A LETTER

It isn't too late for you to sit down and write a nice cheerful letter to your friends and fellow members in the armed forces. It will do them a lot of good to hear from you and know you are thinking of them, and at the same time will give them the assurance that we at home are doing all in our power to keep up our efforts until the Nazi's and Fascists have been decisively defeated.

This is the time of year when we all like to extend our greetings to our friends and to have them extend their's to us. Our soldiers are no different than we are, except that they are far away from home, a letter to them is a great event. Write now, and wish your union brothers a Merry Christmas, and tell them we all hope this will be the last Christmas of war.

UAW-CIO Constitution

By Melvin Schultz,
President Local 12, UAW-CIO

Editor's Note. This is the third of a series of articles by Melvin Schultz, chairman of the UAW-CIO Constitution Committee for 1943.

TRANSFERS

Possibly one of the things which confuses members of our organization is the matter of transfers and withdrawals.

It is highly important that our members know their constitution, particularly as it applies to some of the important points covering their membership, and I again want to recommend that as these various sections are dealt with that those of you who read them consult the sections discussed in these articles.

Melvin Schultz

Article 16, Section 1 to 12 of the UAW Constitution deals very clearly with the matter of withdrawals and transfers, however, I will cover the subject briefly and boil it down.

Any member of the union leaving the jurisdiction of the International Union is entitled to a withdrawal card.

As an illustration of this I will cite a possible case. An employ of a firm under the jurisdiction of the UAW-CIO transfers to another job under the jurisdiction of another union not of the CIO, or he may enter business, or in some other manner secure employment other than in a UAW or CIO union. He is therefore entitled to a withdrawal card, provided he is in good standing and owes his local union no dues or assessments.

Do not apply for a withdrawal card because you are unemployed; but get out-of-work stamps which was explained in this column last week.

Loss of a withdrawal card should be reported immediately. A duplicate will be issued by making application to the international secretary-treasurer, who shall issue the duplicate upon payment of one dollar after sufficient time has elapsed to make an investigation. The best advice I can give those who hold or expect to hold withdrawal cards is, don't lose them.

TRANSFERS

Transfers are obligatory where the member transfers from one CIO local union to another. Thus, if a UAW member accepts employment in a plant under the jurisdiction of the Textile workers, he must transfer to that jurisdiction. On the contrary, if a worker in a plant under the Textile Workers goes to work in a UAW plant he must get his transfer from the Textile Workers to the UAW.

In the case where a member is transfering to a checkoff plant and has paid his dues in advance, he shall not be required to pay duplicate dues. The local union receiving the check-off dues shall refund to the member who has had them taken out of his wages, and such local union shall be compensated for the amount of such refund.

Who'll Play Santa to Hedy?

Any Santa Claus who keeps Hedy Lamarr waiting ought to have his whiskers clipped or braided or something. Or better yet, anybody want to volunteer for the job? Line forms on the right. Hedy is now completing "The Heavenly Body" at M-G-M in case anyone wants to know. She passes on to you the wish of a Merry Christmas from all of the M-G-M stars of Loew's, Inc.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Films To Come

Compiled by Burny Zawodny

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"Madame Curie"

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Greer Garson, one of Hollywood's "first ladies," will soon appear as Madame Curie in the film portrayal of the famous woman scientist. The new M-G-M picture is based on Madame Curie's biography written by her daughter, Eve, and was adapted for the screen by Paul Osborn and Paul H. Rameau. Walter Pidgeon will play opposite Miss Garson and Mervyn LeRoy will direct.

In a recent interview the redheaded star, whose smash hits "Random Harvest" and "Mrs. Miniver" catapulted her into fame, said that the role of Madame Curie is the most difficult she has ever played.

"During its production," she explained, "it was necessary to learn how to handle test-tubes and other apparatus belonging to the equipment of a physicist. While I remembered something about laboratories from my physics classes in school, the expert knokledge of a Madame Curie was quite out of my sphere. It takes years for a real scientist to perfect his technique, I discovered. I had to master it in a few months.

"So Dr. R. M. Langer, physicist of the California Institute of Technology, was brought on the set as technical director; thanks to him I became a veteran with test-tubes and Bunson burners before the picture was completed."

Discussing her climb to success on the screen, since her arrival here from England in 1939, the actress said she frequently has to pinch herself to discover whether it is really she to whom these Cinderella episodes have happened.

"I came so close to having the screen pass me up altogether," she declared, "that I shall never feel entirely complacent about by place in the Hollywood sun, no matter how bright the future may seem."

It was, relatively, only a few years ago that Miss Garson was doing market research for a London advertising agency. While she dreamed of becoming an actress some day, she never thought it would happen so soon.

"My prospects were so removed at that time," she said, "they were fantastic. While I had the burning desire to go on the stage, I was realist enough to know that many other girls were consumed by the same fierce ambition. How was I, I asked myself, without theatrical background, experience, money or influence, to achieve my goal?

"I did have the advantage of an excellent education, however. I had graduated with honors from the University of London and the University of Grenoble in France. The advertising agency job which opened soon after I return to London from France gave me a chance to pay some of my debts and proved interesting as a brief interlude in the field of business. The thought of acting was always with me, nevertheless, and I was continuously turning over in my mind ways of getting a proper break.

"And then after several months of gathering data for the agency—much of it from the British Museum—I found that an acquaintance of mine knew the manager of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

"I wangled an introduction to him and was offered a bit part in a new play the company was about to put on. No one could understand how I could leave the comfortable security of business for the haphazard life of the theatre. But to me it was the most glorious thing that had ever happened. It was the opportunity I had been waiting years for. You see, I come from a long line of Scotch ministers and Irish scholars. I was born in County Down in the north of Ireland. My father, George Garson, was a business man from the Orkney Isles. My mother, Nina Greer, was descended from the Scotch McGregors, and I assure you the McGregors never entertained the thought of the theatre in their strict minds.

"Both sides of the family boasted their share of rebels, though, and so I guess it was more or less consistent that I should turn out to be one also. After two seasons with the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, during which I appeared in things like 'Street Scene,' I went on tour in George Bernard Shaw's 'Too True to Be Good.'

"At the conclusion of the tour I returned to London, where I was offered the lead in a play called 'Golden Arrow,' starring Laurence Olivier."

For the next three years Miss Garson starred in West End plays, including "Mademoiselle," directed by Noel Coward; "Old Music," "Accent on Youth" and "Vintage Wine."

Louis B. Mayer, M-G-M executive, visiting in London, saw her in "Old Music" and signed her to a contract. She left for Hollywood, but as often happens to young newcomers, after she arrived she was given nothing to do for months on end. A week before her contract expired she thought that she had missed her chance in the film capital and was planning to return to England, "and obscure movie actress who had failed." But then things began to happen fast.

She was assigned the role of Mrs. Chips in the picture that brought her instant recognition, "Good-bye, Mr. Chips," in which she played opposite Robert Donat. In rapid succession other films followed, including "Pride and Prejudice," "Blossoms in the Dust" and "When Ladies Meet." "Mrs. Miniver" and "Random Harvest" capped the climax of her spectacular rise.

Circus Draws Large Crowds

Large crowds of Local 12 members, their families and friends have been attending the Barkoot-Young Indoor Circus now showing in the Summit-Cherry Bldg., under the auspices of Local 12, UAW-CIO from December 12 through December 23.

Terming the performance "the biggest 20 cent show you ever saw," Ed. Couturier, chairman of the Local 12 Christmas Party Committee which is benefitting financially from the proceeds of the circus stated, "this is one of the finest shows I have ever seen for the money. We are fortunate to be able to give our people such a good show. Those who purchase the tickets which have been sold throughout Local 12 shops will not only see a swell show; but they will be giving direct financial support to the Christmas party which is given each year for the children of Local 12 members."

Variety Acts

Animals, acrobats, clowns, aerialists and many other features give the show a variety which is usually found only under the big tent tops, and which is gathered together under the roof of the Summit-Cherry Bldg. Shows are continuous and may be attended by workers on all shifts.

Tickets for the show are on sale in all Local 12 shops and may be purchased from shop stewards. All members of the Local are urged to attend the circus, proceeds from which will be used to help finance the children's party.

Fighting With The French Again

Jean Pierre Aumont, who made his American screen debut with M-G-M in "Assignment in Brittany," and has just completed "The Cross of Lorraine," is on his way back to rejoin the Fighting French. He is pictured above in his new Free French uniform with a Second Lieutenant's rating. Aumont served with the DeGaulle forces until the Germans broke through, and he will serve again with his favorite French general. Playing this week at Loew's Valentine.

MURRAY AND GREEN TALK TO NAM

NEW YORK (FP)—Pres. William Green and CIO Pres. Philip Murray told the 48th convention of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers here that labor wanted "jobs for all" after the war. NAM Pres. Frederick C. Crawford replied that business did not seek full employment, wanted "freedom from labor leaders."

MURRAY DENOUNCES SOLDIER VOTE DEFEAT

WASHINGTON (FP) — Defeat of the soldiers vote bill was denounced by CIO Pres. Philip Murray as "marking the depths of political maneuvering at the expense of the rights of men and women fighting for their country."

Showing this Week at Esquire Theater

Frederic March and Janet Gaynor in return request engagement of Selznick International's Technicolor production, "A Star Is Born."

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Achieves Stardom At Age of Six

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Little Margaret O'Brien, who at the tender age of six already has achieved stardom in the films, has been selected by Parents' Magazine as the fifth recipient of its annual award to the most talented motion picture juvenile of the year. She has first completed the starring role in "Lose Angel" for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Margaret's award is the third to go to a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer juvenile since Mickey Rooney was given the first trophy in 1939, chiefly for his work in "Huhkleberry Finn" and "Boys Town."

The following year Mickey presented the 1940 award to a fellow M-G-M player, Virginia Weidler, "Whose Work in "Young Tom Edison" and "The Philadelphia Story" was outstanding.

The 1941 award went to Roddy McDowall as a direct result of his characterization in "How Green Was My Valley," his first role after coming to the United States from England. Since then he has been seen in numerous films, including "My Friend Flicka" and "The Pied Piper" for Twentieth Century-Fox and "Lassie Come Home" for M-G-M.

Last year's winner was Diana Lynn of Paramount, as a result of her work in "The Major and the Minor."

IT'S TRUE! By Wiley Padan

James CRAIG WAS BORN in TENNESSEE ... STUDIED MEDICINE AT RICE INSTITUTE in TEXAS !

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SPORTS

Bowlers' Clinic

Courtesy of The ABC

Spot Bowling

Most good bowlers pick a spot from some point near or at the foul line to a spot almost half way down the bowling alley. One bowler will find the method of picking out a spot at the foul line to his liking, while anotrer prefers to pick a spot or an imaginary line part way down the alley. In all cases the principle is practically the same, although it is generally conceded that the individuas who pick a spot beyond the foul line a short distance are in the majority.

Those who employ some definite system of spotting their ball are by far the most proficient.

The honest-to-goodness spot bowler who refrains from looking at the pins until after the ball has left his hand and attempts to put the ball down on a certain spot at the foul line may be compared with the golfer who keeps his head stationary and his eyes concentrated on the golf ball throughout the swing, in order to maintain a center of balance and to keep from throwing his stroke out of alignment.

Many expert bowlers call their spots by so many boards, one preferring a point eight or nine boards from the edge of the alley while another chooses 10 or 12 boards in from the edge.

Don't Watch Pins

The importance of spot bowling cannot be over-emphasized, as it has a decided advantage over "pin" bowling where the individual keeps his eyes on the pins during the delivery of the ball. The individual who looks at the pins only, when delivering the ball, just hopes that his ball will roll into the one-three pocket, when as a matter of fact, he is ony haphazardly throwing the ball out on the alley in the general direction of the pins. He has no idea as to the particular spot where the ball should be placed, and he cannot do so consistently when he is looking at another place beyond this point or beyond the spot over which he should cause his ball to roll.

Bear this thought in mind. Endeavor to control your ball by always knowing where you start it and how you roll it, being certain to concentrate on the proper rhyth, timing and follow through as well as drawing an imaginary line from the foul line to the spot out on the alley over which you intend to have your ball roll.

In attempting to illustrate the different angles at which the bowling ball is rolled by those who employ the various deliveries, such as straight, backup, hook and curve, it is necessary to exaggerate the angle because it is impossible to show an alley in the proper proportion.

We have suggested the necessity of definitely determining one of a number of methods of rolling the ball into the one-three pocket by means of four distinct deliveries.

Michigan To Have Beaver Season

LANSING, Dec. 13 — For the first time since pioneer days, counties in the southern section of the lower peninsula will be open to beaver trapping next spring, while a closed season has been ordered for the upper peninsula.

During the 1943 season, 4,766 beaver pelts were taken from the upper peninsula and 1,824 from the lower peninsula. Value of individual pelts ran as high as $50.

Taking of otters from the upper peninsula was also ordered prohibited by the commission.

BARS LET DOWN ON NEGRO ATHLETICS?

NEW YORK (FP)—Bars to Negro baseball players in the major leagues were partially let down here at the annual joint meeting of the American and Natl. Leagues following pleas from a delegation headed by Paul Robeson, singer, actor and former athlete.

UPW Contacts Argentine Workers

CHICAGO (FP) — The United Packinghouse Workers (CIO) has set up a special Latin American labor committee and has already made direct contact with the Federation of Meat Workers of Argentina.

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Ohio Hunters Out for Deer

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Dec. 7—The second day of the deer hunting season in Scioto, Pike and Adams counties found almost as many hunters on hand as on the opening day. However, the line at the checking station at the Roosevelt Game Preserve had dwindled down to not more than 150 hunters when it was opened at 5 a. m. today, in contrast to the more than 800 that waited long hours yesterday for the opening of the station.

A check today reveals that at least 30 deer were taken on Monday, 16 of which were taken on the 60,000 acre state-owned hunting preserve. A rain which came just before the opening gun Monday aided hunters considerably and reduced fire hazards in the forest area. Veteran deer hunters classed Tuesday's weather as ideal.

Hotels Are Filled

Portsmouth and surrounding area reported hotels and tourist cabins filled. Many stayed up all night Sunday night or slept by camp fires and in cars in order to be in line at the Roosevelt checking station. Clarence Stanley, 1634 Champlain Street, Toledo, was the first man registered and had been in line since 8 p. m. Sunday night. He was a bit sleepy but a happy warrior as the doors opened for registration at 5 a. m. Monday. At least 250 were turned away Monday, but found other places to hunt.

The first hunter to bring a deer to the headquarters for weighing was Paul Ralston, North Summit Street, Dayton, Ohio, who works for the Republic Asphalt Paving Co. at Dayton. It was a 10-point buck.

Conservation officials called attention to the fact that beginning Wednesday morning the checking station will open at 6 a. m. instead of 5 a. m. The hunting season will extend through Dec. 16.

National Supply

By Shorty Sager

BLOWING

In recent weeks, we have used this space to pay tribute to those who have helped build our union and kept it strong. We must not forget some of those, who, although not members of our union, have also aided us in maintaining our organization.

One of the men who has been of considerable aid to us in keeping our union on its toes is our superintendent of industrial relations. This gentleman, we presume he is a gentleman, has been spouting and blowing about what will happen to us after the war and the company "gains full control." No better argument could be made than this man's to show us the reason we must maintain and increase our strength.

Some of the insolent decisions and lousy notices which have been posted have given us additional reasons for keeping ourselves strong, as though we needed any. Its hard to understand how such a smart man could employ so many dumb and incompetent people as he says we have working here. The old saying, that "whom the gods would destroy they first render blind" must be first preceded by snobbery which has no basis other than ignorant egotism parading under the guise of education and would-be culture.

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AROUND THE SHOP

Ted Birtchall is coming up in handball circles. After beating Fred Schleibner, Jr., two straight games, Fred claimed he beat himself. Never mind the weak alibis. Clyde Coulter is looking for another doubles partner regardless of Ted's recent success.

Some of the boys around the shop are talking about starting another Federal Credit Union. This is a good time to begin one, before the NAM and our big shot industrial relations expert take over the country.

Jimmy Wren now with the paratroopers was in the shop the other day to visit around. He is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Tommy Slackciak former Buddy driver, has been inducted into the Army.

Since when has Dick Roger of Dept. 96 been buying new trousers in Portsmouth, Ohio?

Louis Batemas recently received a V-mail letter from Louis Bateman from N. Africa. Louie reports he is feeling fine.

After living in Toledo for 40 years, the toothless timekeeper of Dept. 39 recently got lost on Erie St. For further information see Al Conlisk.

Our Unit needs about eight or nine more men to fill out a drum corps which was started some time ago. Uniforms will be provided members at no cost to them. All it takes is a little time for group practice. For further information see Tommy Alcock, Dept. 86.

EDDIE COLLINS
President of
BASKETBALL AND BOWLING LEAGUES

Nationals Humble Spicers In All-Star League

National Supply were really in the grove last nite taking two from the highly touted Spicer club, and the way they done it is really something to shout about especially the last game shooting a record 1075 in the last game for a three game total of 2870.

John Brug just missed winning the prize for the first 700 series because of a split in the eigth frame in the last game after having seven strikes in a row. Starting his big series with a 236 come back with 200 and finishing with a rousing 256 for the seasons record of 692. Nice going Johnny. Del Bordner helped the winners with his 630, while Mike Carlucci led the losers with a creditable 656 shooting a 255 in the last game for a lost cause.

Willys-Overland slipped enough in the last game to let Acklin slip a win over them with Frank Wekwert shooting a 224 to nose out the leaders by 3 pins.

Kent-Owens wins two from DeVilbiss with mediocre scores. The boys claim the balls were to heavy and the Alley to long. Better luck next time.

Champion boys were consistent getting 3 big 800 scores two of them being good for two wins over Surface Combustion to improve their 3 place to the extent of two full games over the latter. Steve (567) Lawniczak was high man in this set up.

STANDARD LEAGUE

National Supply really came in with a bang last nite, taking the League leading Standard Commutator for three to put them within one game of the leaders. All the Supply men had over 500 series with Joe Biscay leading the pack with a big 602.

DeVilbiss having one of their better nites caught Mather Spring keglers of the team and took 3 close ones. The scores were not impressive but enough to win.

Bingham Stamping picked up a couple games on the leaders by taking two from Gordon Bumper who slipped a little from last months form. Ollie Owczarzak (563) and Ollie Wisniewski (566) doing the big sticking for Bingham while Max Oliphant (543) doing the heavy work for Gordons.

Toledo Pressed Steel and A. C. Klapping who were scheduled last nite will bowl later. Boys must be working overtime.

LOCAL 12 ALL-STARS

Surface Combustion	769	847	844
Champion Spark Plugs	879	839	874
National Supply	906	889	1075
Spicer Mfg	892	911	985
Acklin Stamping	835	813	924
Willys-Overland	905	960	921
Kent-Owens	786	784	858
DeVilbiss Mfg	767	810	692

Jim Zawodny 203, Leo Strugarek 204, 209, Cap Piojda 211—606, Steve Lawniczak 218, 200, John Brug 236-200-256—692, Steve Kozak 203, Jim Batina 217, Del Bordner 213-222—630, Mike Carlucci 202-255—656.

LOCAL 12 STANDARD LEAGUE

National Supply	864	912	911
Standard Commutator	801	815	806
DeVilbiss	797	754	718
Mather Spring	771	729	689
Tol. Pressed Steel	WILL ROLL LATER		
A. C. Klopping	WILL ROLL LATER		
Bingham Stamping	805	760	890
Gordon Bumper	733	812	756

Jim Czerniak 201, Ollie Owszarzak 222, Ollie Wieniewski 201, J. Biscay 229-197-176—602, H. Black 200.

Pipe Thread Bowling News

A certain fellow named Eddie Ma, will challenge any employee in the plant to a match game, with the exception of Honenberger.

Leo (480) Honenberger came out to get a few pointers Saturday night.

Our hats our off to Earl Youngs. He sure tried to make his ball talk for him Saturday night, but with no success. Better luck next time Earl.

Bowling courtesy should be a common practice of all bowlers. Such as:

1. Do not use the other fellow's ball during a game.
2. Always show courtesy towards your fellow bowlers at all times.

What well liked young fellow in the plant has won the title of "Six Bits" Harold.

The Pipe Threaders are now topping the League standings followed by the Pipe Vises.

	Won	Lost
Pipe Threaders	9	3
Pipe Vises	8	4
Pipe Reamers	6	6
Power Machines	6	6
Work Benches	6	6
Pipe Cutters	5	7
Simpacts	4	8
Power Drives	4	8

High 3 games total: Harry Korb 554;

High single game: Fritz Karl, 215;

Low man Skippy "Six Bits" Cosgrove 75-60-75—210 that's all.

The Muetzel Bros. had a bet on for scores and Virgil rolled 96 the first game. Harold rolled 93. Virgil rolled 109 the second game and Harold also rolled 109. Then Virgil found his shoes and all bets were off. (Virgil got 189 the last game.)

Jim (Dugan) Ragan got III in the 7th twice. (He bought Coca-Cola the first game and 7-Up the second game. Or was it the other way around?)

Steve Vosper bowled Mrs. Pete Wililams and spotted her 25 pins per game and lost (and how). Mrs. Williams could have given Steve 50 pins and still win.

FIGHT 40-CENT MINIMUM WAGE

NEW YORK (FP)—The greatest monopolies of the telephone industry and Western Union, at a wage-hour division hearing here, fought against a 40c minimum wage recommendation by AFL, CIO and independent unions representing their employes.

Rathbun Reporter

By Bob McVicker

CIRCUS

With only a few days left, why not each member of Local 12 purchase two tickets for the Indoor Circus which is being held in the Summit-Cherry Bldg. Don't just buy for your own sake, although the show is well worth seeing, but to make the Local 12 Children's Christmas party the largest and most successful ever held in Toledo. A lot of the children who will attend the party are the kiddies of our servicemen who are sacrificing for us at home. Let's try and make this a Merry and Happy Christmas for the children, and the best way to insure this, is to purchase tickets for that circus. Do it, will you?

AN EVENT

Drexal O'Neil got his Christmas gift a couple of weeks in advance in the shape of a baby boy who weighed in at seven pounds. Both Mrs. O'Neil and son are doing nicely, thank you, and Drex himself isn't doing so badly. Congratulations to both the parents and best wishes for a great future for your boy.

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RUMORS: There has been a lot of rumors around the shop, giving credit to one member of our Executive Committee for the setting of standards on jobs.

All the employees should take credit for the setting of Standards, due to the fact with the drawing up of our last contract, we asked for an incentive system. The War Labor Board will not accept a form such as we asked for, without a set standard for each job, so as to determine the amount of bonus to be set for each job. As you all know since the shop union was organized in 1941 the Committee has fought for standards.

In all fairness to yourselves and your fellow employees, that credit should be given where it is due ,and most of it is due to the whole membership.

Who is the young Lady, who when she goes to parties likes to slide down banisters?

No matter where you see Drewy Bean, you'll see his shadow—Peewee.

While out hunting, Drewy Bean has shot a pheasant that had a tail which measured close to 23 inches, and thus far is the longest one turned in by any hunter for a prize. So keep your fingers crossed Drewy, it might be the winner.

Verlon Goodrum, of the Merchant Marines, visited the shop last week and is still a local boy where sailing is concerned. He said, "Thanks a million for the check" and also wishes everybody "A Very Merry Christmass and the Happiest of New Years." Thanks Verlon, and the same goes from all of us to you. And we hope that your wife recovers.

The prospects for a headline are frail. Our Bowling team has nicely lost all three games last week. Maybe they'll surprise us, by winning all three for Christmas.

The Acklinite

by Lewis Mattox

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All plans have been completed for Acklin Unit's Christmas party which will be held at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19 beginning at 5:00 p. m.

A lot of the loyal Acklin girls will be in charge of the party headed by Mary Curtis, chairman. Sandwiches, refreshments, music and dances will be the principle features of the party which assures all who attend the party a good time.

All the children of Acklin Unit members are invited to the Local 12 Christmas party for the children which will be held at the Civic Auditorium. Because of the children's party which will be on the same day as Acklin's, we are beginning our party at 5:00 p. m. in order to give the parents an opportunity to take their children to the Local 12 party.

Everybody should come to the party and enjoy themselves.

A POET

Harry Jennings, the poet laureate of Acklin can turn out poetry like some people turn out production and does a job of it too. Harry likes to write the stuff and a lot of the folks like to read it. Nice going Harry and keep composing.

BITS

Charles Lesenett who is on injured list is missed by the boys in the shop. Everybody wishes Charles a speedy return and wish him a quick recovery.

Wonder if Frank Graper has any influence with the War Labor Board. If he has, why doesn't he drop a few kinds words in the ears of some of the other lads on the Board? Our folks are plenty dissatisfied with the decision in our case, and we all agree that the only one who is benefitted by the little steel formula is the industrialists. The little steel formula —nerts. We ought to crack it like a hickory nut.

Oh yes, we missed a name on the Christmas Committee, that of May Burdee. Sorry May, we know you're a good worker and we didn't mean to miss you.

This is about the last column before the New Year, so I want to take this opportunity to thank every member of the executive shop committee for the fine cooperation they have given me as chairman during 1943. I know that our committee is one of the best and I have a feeling that our workers at Acklin also think so.

Canco (I) Opener

By Ted Modrowski

WILL YOU HELP?

"We believe that organized labor and organized management possess the ability and owe the duty to society of maintaining, through cooperative effort, a mutually satisfactory and beneficial employer-employee relationship based upon understanding through the medium of conference."

The above is part of the UAW-CIO preamble, and at the last meeting of the executive shop committee with management, a definiteiy progressive step had been taken in that direction.

After considerable discussion, an agreement was reached in regard to labor-management cooperation. Now we feel we have taken a step in the right direction, but the problem of getting our members in a cooperative frame of mind is still confronting the committee.

It is unreasonable to expect the management to do all of the contributing to this plan. It was asked for by the committee and welcomed by the management, so for complete workability of the plan, it will require the cooperation of the entire body. Will you follow the suggestions of the committee, so that management will be convinced that we were in earnest? It will help.

ABOUT THE PEOPLE

Eddie Lewandowsik and his wife did a swell job in the recent Servicemen's Gift Drive...Election of officers is just around the corner, watch the politicians start their work...The cute young couple in Dept. 1 are talking wedding bells ...you'll be sorry...Bill Kleparek will pay for two War Bonds with his winnings in matching coins... Louis Krempa is now giving Ping-Pong lessons...Ben Macy is a mountain of wisdom. Just ask him ...What happened to the basketball team?...

IN SYMPATHY

The American Can Unit extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Albert Pegish.

Al, as he was known to us, was a pioneer in the Union movement at Canco and he has left behind him an example to be followed by all.

Rain or shine, cold or warm Al never missed his Unit meetings. He never forgot his struggle to win the right to meet and he stuck on to the very end.

Auxillary News

Florence Ordway and Miriam Dahlman represented the Women's Auxiliary at the Ohio Convention held in Columbus.

Regional Director Ethel Swineheart attended the state convention as representative of the executive board.

The Auxiliary extends its thanks to those who attended the oyster supper and helped make it a success.

Miriam Dahlman was elected to the executive board of the Ohio State Council.

Members of the Auxiliary will hold their First Annual Bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 18 at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. Sauerkraut supper will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 p. m. Prizes, fun, booths and many other attractions will feature the evening. Everybody is invited.

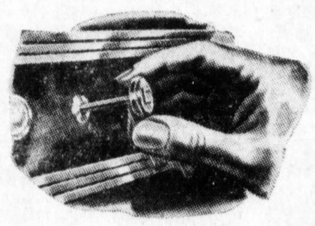
Now is the time to care for your car. This advertisement is published in the interest of keeping your older car in useful wartime service.

This is the way to

START YOUR CAR

in cold weather

If you have a hand choke—pull it out about ¾ of the way



... and pull out the hand throttle about half way.

Push in the clutch pedal all the way

This allows starter to crank the engine without having to turn the transmission gears.

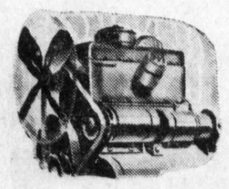
Before turning on ignition, press starter

... and turn motor over a few times to "prime" the cylinders for ready firing. (With automatic choke, flutter accelerator two or three times.)

Now—turn on ignition and press starter

After motor starts, gradually push in choke and throttle.

Let engine warm up before you drive away



But never "race" the motor. Take it easy for the first few minutes of driving. This saves engine wear.

To make starting easier, use winter-grade light oil

Oil that flows freely in cold temperatures lets moving parts turn easier, lubricates more quickly.

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